



AP-NORC Poll: Democratic voters not fully tuned in to 2020

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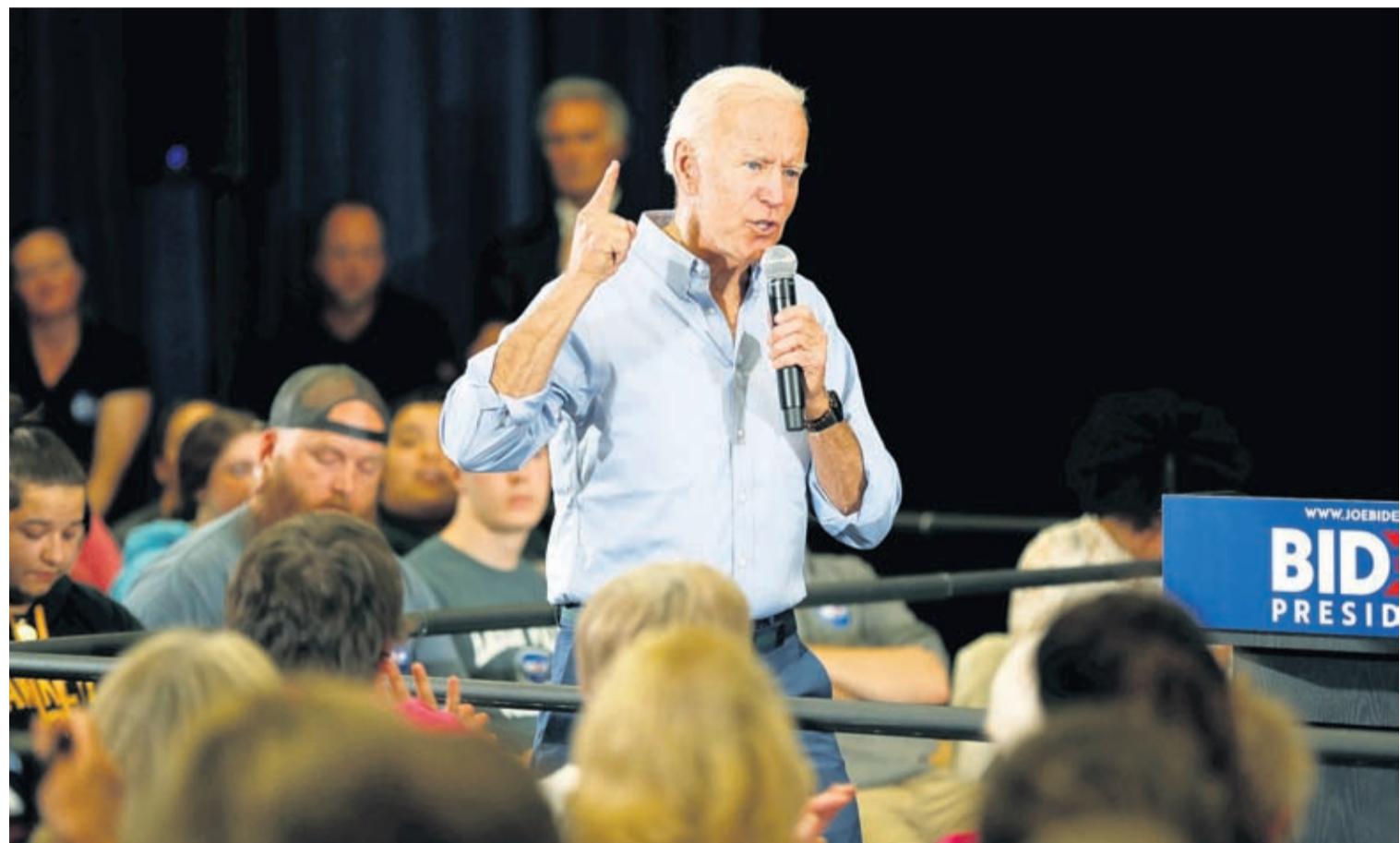
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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Nearly two dozen Democratic presidential candidates have crisscrossed the country for six months selling their vision for the United States. But, on the eve of the first debates in the campaign, a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows most Democratic voters haven't fully tuned in.

Only 22% of Democrats registered to vote say they know a lot about the candidates' positions, while 62% say they know a little. And only 35% say they're paying close attention to the campaign, with almost two-thirds saying they're paying some or no attention. "It's kind of a blur," said Maggie Banks, 32, of suburban Denver, who has two young children and only has a chance to glean a few details about the race while listening to National Public Radio during her commute.

Banks said she has only a "vague" idea of who's running and didn't realize



In this June 12, 2019, file photo, Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at Clinton Community College in Clinton, Iowa.

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her state's senior senator, Michael Bennet, or former governor, John Hickenlooper, were in the race. Voters like Banks comprise the vast majority of the Democratic electorate,

implying there's great potential for change in what's essentially been a static race to date. Former Vice President Joe Biden holds a solid but not dominant polling lead, followed by some

combination of Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Kamala Harris of California and Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana. Behind them are a

wide range of contenders from Senate veterans like Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota to lesser-known candidates like internet entrepreneur Andrew Yang.

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Blurred lines: Trump's U.N. choice and her coal magnate spouse

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The email went out from senior Environmental Protection Agency officials to Kelly Craft, the U.S. ambassador to Canada, responding to questions she had about a funding matter.

But the acknowledgment email the EPA got back a few hours later wasn't from the ambassador. It was from her husband, coal magnate Joseph Craft, a wealthy GOP donor who had been taking part in a months-long press by the coal industry for access and regulatory relief from the EPA and the Trump administration in general.

The blurring of roles — and email accounts — by the Crafts this time and others since she began representing the U.S. is raising questions as senators consider her nomination by President Donald Trump to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. That post would give her a prime seat at international talks to fight climate change, in part by encouraging limits



In this April 4, 2018 file photo, Kelly Knight Craft, U.S. Ambassador to Canada, speaks about NAFTA and Canada-US relations at an Empire Club meeting in Toronto.

on the burning of coal, with its heat-trapping emissions. "Thanks!!" the coal baron replied to the December 2017 email from EPA officials, which had been addressed to "Ambassador Craft." The agency was following up on a briefing she had gotten from then-EPA head Scott Pruitt on federal funding for cleaning up the Great Lakes, an issue of great interest to Canada. Joseph Craft sent the acknowledgment on his work email for his Tulsa, Oklahoma-based coal company,

Alliance Resource Partners LP. His response ended with the breezy auto-tag from his cellphone: "Sent from my iPhone powered by coal!"

In a statement Monday, the State Department said Joseph Craft had been copied in on the EPA response to his ambassador wife after her Great Lakes discussion with Pruitt because he "had played a role in facilitating the exchange." The statement did not elaborate, or say why his help was needed arranging a discussion between two government officials. "However, he does not play a role in official U.S. government business," the State Department said. Kelly Craft has fully complied with her ethics agreement as ambassador to Canada, the statement said.

EPA spokesman Michael Abboud noted that Kelly Craft separately responded to the email, a few hours after her husband.

The Sierra Club obtained the emails under the federal Freedom of Information Act and provided them to The Associated Press.

Virginia Canter, chief ethics counsel at the non-profit watchdog Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, reacted strongly when told Joseph Craft responded to a government email sent to his wife in her capacity as U.S. ambassador.

"That's highly unusual. I've never heard of that," Canter said.

The topic of the email ex-

change may not have been sensitive, "but he should not be accessing her official emails under any circumstances," however he came to reply to it, she said.

"It's an indication that their interests are intertwined — his business interests and her government interests," Canter said. She noted the conflict that could raise in the U.N. job, given the international focus on climate change and coal, an objection also raised by Democratic lawmakers and others.

The Sierra Club's climate policy director, Liz Perera, said in a statement: "It is deeply concerning that a coal executive is receiving and responding to correspondence intended for U.S. diplomats. With Trump, it is impossible to see where the coal industry ends and where the administration starts." Spouses of ambassadors typically are closely involved in the social, cultural and ceremonial aspects of a diplomat's job, reaching out on the soft power aspects of countries' charm offensives overseas. But emails and other dealings by the Crafts with Canadian and U.S. officials raise questions about their neutrality and possible overlaps of interest between government representative and coal tycoon, Canter and environmental advocates say.

Kelly Craft's Twitter account for her post as ambassador to Canada also shows Joseph Craft joining her in meetings with leaders of Canada's parliament; Kelly Craft meeting at least twice with officials of Canadian utilities and energy companies; and Kelly Craft socializing at a University of Kentucky basketball game with Pruitt. Her husband at the time was contacting Pruitt and the EPA repeatedly as the U.S. coal industry pressed a successful campaign for regulatory rollbacks from the Trump administration.

Two months after the exchange over the Great Lakes, Joseph Craft wrote Pruitt's aides from his same

email account to ask Pruitt to come speak to his company's board and to a coal investment forum.

The Crafts donated more than \$2 million to President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

At a hearing last week, Kelly Craft told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee she would recuse herself from U.N. matters dealing with coal and other fossil fuels, given her husband's coal interests.

Not good enough, complained Sen. Edward Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat on the panel.

Kelly Craft drew attention in 2017 when she told reporters in Canada there were "good scientists on both sides" of the climate change debate. The Trump administration has dismissed repeated warnings from government and other scientists about devastating effects of climate change from fossil fuel emissions.

She has said since her U.N. nomination she accepts that humans and their burning of oil, gas and coal play a role in climate change.

"Let there be no doubt: I take this matter seriously, and if confirmed, I will be an advocate for all countries to do their part in addressing climate change," she testified last week.

Trump before and after taking office declared it his mission to save the declining U.S. coal industry and promote fossil fuels in general. He has acted to take the U.S. out of the Paris climate-change accord — a major topic for the country's next U.N. ambassador — and intervened against several Obama-era measures that aimed to rein in coal emissions.

Records obtained under the federal Freedom of Information Act show Joseph Craft repeatedly emailing, texting and meeting with Pruitt and other EPA officials as coal companies have pressed for relief from the government as competition from cheaper natural gas and from renewables has driven down U.S. demand for coal. □

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The first big opportunity for candidates to break out of that muddle comes with the two nights of debates this week beginning Wednesday. Two groups of 10 candidates will get a chance to take their messages directly to a national prime-time audience from the stage in Miami.

The Democratic field is enormous and unprecedentedly diverse. It features several women, multiple candidates of African and Asian descent, one Latino and a gay man, Buttigieg, who at age 37 is less than half as old as the front-runner, Biden.

But majorities of Democrats say those characteristics make no difference to their level of enthusiasm about a presidential candidate. Four in 10 Democratic voters said they would be more excited about voting for a woman for president, and 36% said the same of a younger candidate. Only about a quarter were more excited at the idea of supporting a candidate who is black or Latino, while roughly 2 in 10 said they'd be more excited to support an Asian candidate or lesbian, gay or bisexual candidate.

What Democrats want the most is experience in elected office: 73% cited that as a quality they're looking for in a presidential candidate. Benji Grajeda, 50, of Santa Ana, California, was once excited at the idea that Hillary Clinton could become the first female president. Now he just wants stability. "I don't think it matters, gender," said Grajeda, instead citing experience in office as his top priority because "Trump has no experience."

"I never really thought

about it until he won — he's just not qualified," Grajeda said.

There's a large appetite for the campaign among Democratic voters, 79% of whom say they're interested in the 2020 race. Republicans are only slightly less interested, with 70% reporting interest. But only about 3 in 10 voters overall say they're paying close attention more than seven months before the first votes are cast in the Iowa caucuses.

Some, like Charles G. Cooper, 57, of Orlando, Florida, say they figure it wasn't worth tuning in too far before this week's debates, which they expect to help shape the field. Cooper supports Biden — "I'm an Obama guy, and he was the vice president," Cooper said — but he knows the front-runner has a history of gaffes during his past races and wants to see how he handles them.

Adam Pratter, 43, of San Diego, is also being strategic. He has studied up on the five candidates leading in the polls but studiously ignored the rest.

The stakes are high in this week's debates and another set that will follow in late July. After that, it gets tougher to get onto the main stage.

For the third debate in September, the Democratic National Committee is requiring candidates to receive donations from 130,000 or more individuals and poll at 2% or higher in three polls. Analysts and many campaigns think that — and the difficulty raising money if a candidate does not continue to qualify for the debate stage — will winnow the field down quickly.

Banks hopes so. Her husband is a fan of New Jer-



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at the Poor People's Moral Action Congress presidential forum in Washington, Monday, June 17, 2019.

Associated Press

sey Sen. Cory Booker, and she likes Sanders, but she doesn't know how she could learn enough to judge the current, sprawling field.

"Some people will be weeded out as we go along, and I want that to happen so I can look at everybody's ideals and experience," Banks said. □



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A top Maine Democrat announces bid to unseat Sen. Collins



In this March 14, 2019 file photo, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, smiles at the Capitol in Washington, after the Senate passed a resolution to terminate President Trump's declaration of an emergency at the Southern border.

Associated Press

By MARINA VILLENEUVE

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

The Democratic speaker of the Maine House of Representatives announced Monday that she is challenging longtime Republican U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, who has found her long-standing image as a moderate sympathetic to abortion rights under fire in an increasingly polarized Washington.

Rep. Sara Gideon, of Freeport, who has been the speaker for the past two terms, has already made access to abortion a central focus of her campaign.

Collins, first elected in 1996, is expected to run for another term but has yet to formally announce her candidacy.

Collins cruised to re-election in 2014 and has long been viewed as a moderate Republican. Liberals set up a fund to help try to unseat her after she voted to confirm President Donald Trump's Supreme Court selection Brett Kavanaugh last year.

The fund has raised more than \$4 million amid fear from liberals that Kavanaugh will vote to severely weaken access to abortion. Gideon's website pledges to "put Maine First" and says she has "always stood up for a right to choose." The newly Democratic-led Legislature in Maine this year has passed laws to allow state Medicaid funding for abortions, and to allow advanced clinicians such as nurse practitioners to perform abortions.

Gideon, is also touting legislation to protect affordable health care coverage amid efforts to repeal former President Barack Obama's signature health law. Maine lawmakers this year passed bills aiming to lower prescription drug costs and ensure that Obamacare protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions are enshrined in state law.

"At one point, maybe Sen. Collins was different, but she doesn't seem that way anymore: taking over a million dollars from drug companies and the insurance industry and voting to put Brett Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court," Gideon said in a video.

Republicans in Maine and elsewhere immediately began trying to paint Gideon as a "far left" Democrat.

Maine GOP Chair Demi Kouzounas said Gideon is "eyeing Maine families' bank accounts to fund her extreme policy proposals." Republican National Committee spokesperson Nina McLaughlin called Gideon a "rubber stamp" for Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, who represents New York.

"From leading a corrupt caucus, to her inability to work across party lines even though she touted her ability to do so, Sara Gideon is just another far left Democrat who won't rest until she can give Mainers' voices and votes to New York," McLaughlin said.

Republicans are also pointing to Gideon's support of bills to provide assistance to noncitizens and switch from the Electoral College to a national popular vote. The voting bill died, while lawmakers pushed back a decision on the welfare bill. Progressive activist Betsy Sweet has also announced a run against Collins.

Collins reported in April that she has \$3.8 million on hand as she gears up for the 2020 election.

Collins' campaign noted that Democrats still have a year to go ahead of the June primary. Maine lawmakers this year passed a law to change from a presidential caucus to a statewide primary that supporters say will get more voters involved. "One of the reasons why Senator Collins has been so effective is that she has more seniority than any U.S. senator from Maine over the past 70 years," said Kevin Kelley, spokesman for Collins for Senator. "She will continue to build on her record of extraordinary accomplishments for the people of Maine." □



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Missouri judge allows abortions to continue, for now

By SUMMER BALLENTINE

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

— A Missouri judge on Monday ruled that the state's lone abortion clinic can continue performing abortions through Friday but kicked the clinic's lawsuit out of court.

St. Louis Circuit Judge Michael Stelzer extended a preliminary injunction he previously issued in order to give a Planned Parenthood affiliate in St. Louis time to take a licensing fight before an administrative panel.

Stelzer ruled the clinic has not yet exhausted its options outside of court to handle the dispute over its license to perform abortions.

The state health department on Friday declined to renew the clinic's abortion license.

The judge directed Planned Parenthood to take the issue up with the Administrative Hearing Commission, a panel that typically handles disputes between state agencies and businesses or individuals.

"We will continue this fight in the Administrative Hearing Commission, and we won't stop until every person can access the care they need when and where they need it," said Dr. Colleen McNicholas, an OB-GYN at Reproductive Health Services at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region.

She said in a statement that if the commission doesn't act by Friday, "abortion access in the state of Missouri will be gone."

Republican Gov. Mike Parson's spokesman Steele Shippy said the judge's rul-

ing affirms the state's contention that the licensing dispute should be heard by the commission.

"We look forward to trying the merits of this case in front of the AHC in our ongoing effort to ensure Planned Parenthood is following our state's health laws which are necessary to protect women's safety," he said in a statement. Cases before the commission can be appealed in court.

The fate of the clinic has drawn national attention because Missouri would become the first state since 1974, the year after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion nationwide, without a functioning abortion clinic if it closes. The battle also comes as abortion rights supporters raise concerns that conservative-led states are attempting to end abortion through tough new laws and tighter regulation.

The state has said concerns about the clinic arose from inspections in March. Among the problems Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services investigators have cited were three "failed abortions" requiring additional surgeries and another that led to life-threatening complications for the mother. The Associated Press reported last week, citing a now-sealed court filing.

Planned Parenthood has said Missouri is using the licensing process as a weapon aimed at halting abortions.

Missouri is among several conservative states, emboldened by new conservative justices on the Su-



In this June 21, 2019 file photo, an anti-abortion advocate attempts to solicit a motorist entering the parking lot of the Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, the state's last operating abortion clinic in St. Louis.

Associated Press

preme Court, to pass new restrictions on abortions in the hope that the high court will eventually overturn Roe v. Wade.

Parson signed legislation on May 24 to ban abortions at or beyond eight weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for medical emergencies but not for rape or incest.

The number of abortions performed in Missouri has declined every year for the past decade, reaching a low of 2,910 last year. Of those, an estimated 1,210 occurred at eight weeks or less of pregnancy, according to health department data.

More Missouri women are

getting abortions in Kansas than in Missouri. Information from the state of Kansas shows that about 3,300 of the 7,000 abortions performed there last year involved Missouri residents.

Kansas has an abortion clinic in Overland Park, a Kansas City suburb just 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the

state line.

The nearest clinic to St. Louis is in Granite City, Illinois, less than 10 miles (16 kilometers) away.

Illinois does not track the home states of women seeking abortions so it's unknown how many Missouri residents have been treated there. □

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4 border deaths in Texas could be a preview of the summer

By DAVID WARREN and CEDAR ATTANASIO
Associated Press

Two babies, a toddler and a woman were found dead near the U.S.-Mexican border, overcome by the sweltering heat in a glimpse of what could lie ahead this summer as record numbers of migrant families try to get into the United States. Authorities believe the four may have been dead for days before the bodies were discovered on Sunday in the Rio Grande Valley. No details were released on the victims' relationship.

It was the latest grim discovery of migrants who died while trying to cross the perilous desert and the swollen Rio Grande.

A law enforcement official close to the investigation told The Associated Press the four were overcome by the heat after fording the river. The official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Migrant families have been coming over the border in unprecedented numbers in recent months, reaching a peak in May, when 84,000 adults and children traveling together were apprehended. Nearly 500,000 immigrants have been de-



This June 13, 2019, photo shows a sign that reads "Many people have died trying to swim to the other side," posted in a church sheltering Central American migrants in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Associated Press

tained at the border since the start of the year, resulting in dangerous overcrowding in U.S. holding centers.

A total of 283 migrant deaths were recorded along the 2,000-mile border last year. The death toll so far this year was not immediately released.

Three children and an adult from Honduras are believed to have died after their raft overturned on the Rio Grande in April. They had considered seeking asylum but were daunted by a long wait list to get

into the U.S., according to a shelter official who met the family.

A 6-year-old immigrant from India was found dead in the triple-digit heat in Arizona this month, and seven people believed to be migrants died in June alone in irrigation canals that run alongside border barriers near El Paso. The total last year for such deaths in those canals was 11.

And the bodies of a father and nearly 2-year-old daughter from El Salvador were recovered from the Rio Grande on Monday,

the Mexican newspaper La Jornada reported. The mother told the paper she watched her husband and child disappear in the strong current.

Border Patrol spokesman Ramiro Cordero said that in past years, agents would be posted near canals and hear the cries of help from migrants. But they are doing other duties this year with so many immigrants showing up, some in poor health.

"Unfortunately, because of the large influx of illegal aliens and agents having to

be diverted to other duties, such as transporting, hospital escorts ... there are not a lot of agents readily available to hear these cries," he said in a statement. The Trump administration is also under siege from critics who believe it is taking too hard a line toward humanitarian volunteers who help border crossers by leaving jugs of water in the desert and providing medical assistance.

The Justice Department prosecuted a volunteer with the aid group No More Deaths on conspiracy charges for providing two migrants with water, food and lodging last year. He faced up to 20 years in prison, but the case ended in a mistrial earlier this month when the jury deadlocked. The immigrants who make it across the border and turn themselves in to authorities are experiencing their own problems and safety risks in government detention. Five children have died after being detained by the government since late last year, and dozens of youngsters were found last week in unsanitary conditions inside a Border Patrol station near El Paso. The government had transferred the majority of the children out of the facility by Monday. □

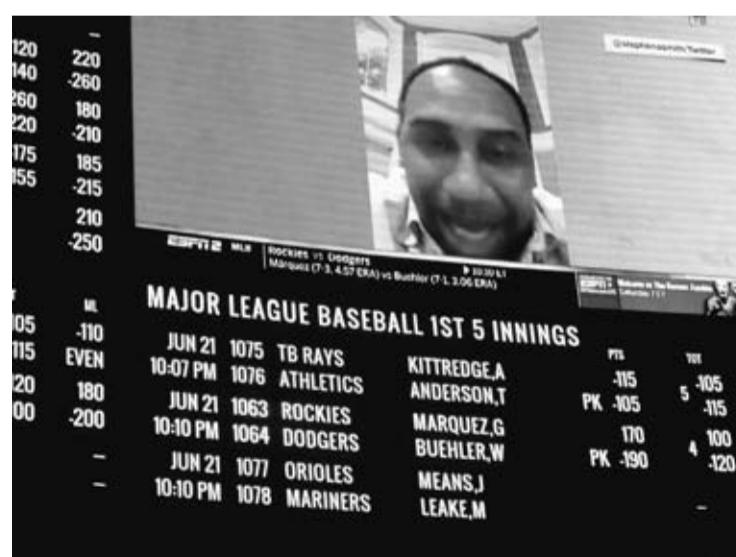
Bookmaker gives \$50K from copyright suit to writing class

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)
— A bookmaker that accused a rival of copying its sports betting guide almost word for word is, in a sarcastic jab, donating part of a lawsuit settlement involving the matter to a New Jersey college for creative writing courses.

William Hill settled a lawsuit in January it had brought against rival bookmaker FanDuel that alleged that FanDuel had copied William Hill's own betting guide.

On Thursday, William Hill will donate \$50,000 to Rutgers University-Newark's master of fine arts program in creative writing.

William Hill filed a copyright



This June 21, 2019 photo shows a video screen listing betting odds at a William Hill sports book inside the Ocean Casino Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

Associated Press

infringement suit in October in federal court.

It produced its guide last June when it began offer-

ing sports betting at Monmouth Park Racetrack. FanDuel circulated a virtually identical guide at the

Meadowlands Racetrack a month later, the lawsuit claimed.

Court documents outlined instances of entire blocks of text from the William Hill guide appearing verbatim in the FanDuel version, although in a different typeface.

The suit also claimed FanDuel copied diagrams illustrating possible bets and odds. For instance, a chart involving a 1:05 p.m. baseball game between the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies listing both starting pitchers and three different ways to bet on the game appeared identically in both publications.

The most telling instance involved a page in which FanDuel neglected to re-

move William Hill's name from text it allegedly cut and pasted into its own guide, according to the lawsuit.

William Hill and FanDuel are among the major players vying for dominance in New Jersey's rapidly growing sports betting market.

The lawsuit was an example of how important the nascent U.S. market is to both companies, and how zealously competitors in the industry will fight to protect their brands and market share with legal sports betting in its infancy in America.

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Driver with record charged with 7 homicides in biker crash

By MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) —

The driver of a truck in a fiery collision on a rural New Hampshire highway that killed seven motorcyclists was charged Monday with seven counts of negligent homicide, and records show he was stopped on suspicion of drunken driving last month and in 2013. Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 23, was arrested Monday morning at his home in West Springfield, Massachusetts, the New Hampshire attorney general's office said. Zhukovskyy was questioned at the scene of Friday's crash and allowed to return to Massachusetts, the National Transportation Safety Board has said.

Zhukovskyy was handed over to New Hampshire authorities after a brief court appearance Monday in Springfield, Massachusetts. The 23-year-old looked down at his feet as he was led into the courtroom with his hands cuffed behind his back.

Connecticut prosecutors say he was arrested May 11 in an East Windsor Walmart

parking lot after failing a sobriety test. Officers had responded to a complaint about a man who was revving his truck engine and jumping up and down outside the vehicle.

Additionally, Zhukovskyy was arrested on a drunken driving charge in 2013 in Westfield, Massachusetts, state motor vehicle records show. He was placed on probation for one year and had his license suspended for 210 days, The Westfield News reported.

A man who answered the phone at the home of Zhukovskyy's family and would identify himself only as his brother-in-law said Monday that the family is in shock and feeling the same pain as everyone else but couldn't say whether the driver was right or wrong. Since the accident, the brother-in-law said, Zhukovskyy had remained in his room, not eaten and talked to no one.

Defense attorney Donald Frank called Friday's crash a "tragedy" but said it's important to let the criminal justice system play out.

Zhukovskyy's pickup truck,

towing a flatbed trailer, collided with a group of 10 motorcycles Friday on a two-lane highway in the northern New Hampshire community of Randolph, investigators said. The truck was traveling west when it struck the eastbound group of motorcycles.

The victims were members or supporters of the Marine JarHeads, a New England motorcycle club that includes Marines and their spouses, and ranged in age from 42 to 62. Four were from New Hampshire, two from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island. George Loring, a JarHeads member who lives in Hingham, Massachusetts, and was a few hundred yards from the crash, said Zhukovskyy has "got to live with it for the rest of his life." "Everyone's suffering so much," Loring said. "It's so sad for the brothers and sisters who died. You can be angry at him, you can be whatever. I don't know. I'm glad he's been arrested."

Joseph Mazza, whose nephew Albert Mazza Jr. was killed in the crash, welcomed the arrest but



Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 23, of West Springfield, stands during his arraignment in Springfield District Court, Monday, June 24, 2019, in Springfield, Mass.

Associated Press

called it a poor consolation for the loss of a loved one. "As long as he pays a price. He has caused lot of harm to a lot of families," Mazza said from his Haverhill home. "If he has a problem, he shouldn't be on the road. If he is a bad actor, he doesn't belong on the street. He caused enough of a tragedy. Enough is enough."

Authorities have only said

they are investigating the cause of the collision. JarHeads president Manny Ribeiro, who survived the crash, said the group had just finished dinner and were heading to a fundraiser at American Legion post in nearby Gorham. A total of 21 riders and 15 motorcycles were in the group. Ten motorcycles, including Mazza who was riding next to Ribeiro, were hit. □

Suspect in Nebraska woman's death slashes neck during trial

WILBER, Neb. (AP) — A man accused in the 2017 slaying of a Nebraska woman slashed his neck and fell from a wheelchair during his murder trial.

Fifty-two-year-old Aubrey Trail yelled "Bailey is innocent, and I curse you all"

Monday before swiping something across his neck in the courtroom in Wilber, 35 miles (56 kilometers) southwest of Lincoln. Deputies rushed to help as Trail lay bleeding on the floor. It is unclear how badly Trail is injured, but the judge

ordered the jury to return Tuesday morning. Authorities say he's had a stroke and two heart attacks since his arrest.

Saline County District Judge Vicki Johnson said Trail will be handcuffed for the remainder of the trial. □



In this June 19, 2018 file photo, Aubrey Trail, left, looks on during a hearing in Saline County Court, in Wilber, Neb.

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France put on hot weather alert as heatwave reaches Europe

By SYLVIE CORBET

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The sunset had an orange glow. So did the extreme weather warning for Paris.

Meteorologists placed more than half of France, including around the capital, on alert for high temperatures Monday as a heatwave was expected to spread across continental Europe this week.

National weather agency Meteo France predicted the hot weather could produce temperatures of up to 40 degrees Celsius (104 F) across the country just as the summer tourist season shifts into high gear.

The French weather agency set the heat warning level at orange - the second-highest intensity on its four-level categorization system for potentially dangerous conditions requiring public "vigilance."

In Paris, charity organizations patrolled the streets to provide homeless people with water, while local authorities organized air-conditioned public places where people could seek shelter from the heat.

French Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer, deciding it was too hot to study, ordered national exams taken by students



Birds fly by as the sun rises in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, June 24, 2019. Germany expects hot temperatures during the next days.

heading to high school postponed from Thursday and Friday to next week. International soccer federation FIFA could face implementing heat precautions at the Women's World Cup, which France is hosting. The precautions include holding cooling breaks during matches and postponing games if the heat is too intense.

Women's World Cup

matches are scheduled every day this week, except Wednesday and Sunday. Luckily, most were set to be played at night.

France introduced a heat watch warning system after a long, deadly heatwave in August 2003. The highest temperatures in more than half a century eventually were estimated to have caused 15,000 heat-related deaths, many

of older people left in city apartments and retirement homes without air conditioning.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Monday that vigilance was the watchword for the week. "As you know, at times like these, sick people, pregnant women, infants and elderly people are the most vulnerable. So we must be vigilant with them

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and have prevention measures in place in order to intervene as quickly as possible," Macron said.

French Health Minister Agnès Buzyn said Monday that "everything is ready" in retirement homes, hospitals and transportation systems.

"Yet when people are fragile, even when everything is organized, there's always a higher mortality rate," she warned. Meteorologists said hot winds from the Sahara Desert brought the scorching weather to Europe. Similar heat is expected in Belgium, Switzerland and Germany.

In Germany, temperatures above 40 degrees C are possible in some places on Wednesday, topping the country's previous June record of 38.2 degrees Celsius (nearly 100.8 degrees Fahrenheit) set in Frankfurt in 1947. Rescue services urged people to look out for young children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems who are at particular risk in high temperatures.

Parts of northeastern Germany are also at high risk for forest fires. Authorities in the eastern state of Brandenburg, which circles Berlin, say the risk of forest fires is at the highest level in the coming days. □

UN rights chief: Relatives of ex-IS fighters should go home

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Thousands of relatives of former foreign fighters in the Islamic State group should be repatriated, the U.N. human rights chief said Monday, insisting children in particular have suffered "grievous violations" of their rights — a challenge to European and other countries that have been reticent about taking back jihadis and their kin.

Michelle Bachelet said more than 55,000 suspected IS fighters and their families have been detained in Iraq and Syria. Most are in the custody of the Iraqi government and the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, and the alleged fighters come from over 50 countries. More than 11,000



U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Chilean Michelle Bachelet speaks during the opening of the 41th session of the Human Rights Council, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, June 24, 2019.

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relatives are being held at the Al Hol camp in northeastern Syria alone. Bachelet appealed to the relevant countries to uphold their responsibilities

under international law, even with regard to members of an extremist group infamous for beheadings and other grave violence. Many European countries

have been reluctant to take back their nationals, led by France, which saw more of its citizens join IS than any other European country.

"Foreign family members should be repatriated, unless they are to be prosecuted for crimes in accordance with international standards," Bachelet told the Human Rights Council as it opened its summer session. "Children, in particular, have suffered grievous violations of their rights — including those who may have been indoctrinated or recruited by ISIL (Islamic State) to perpetrate violent acts."

Putting European jihadis on trial in their home countries is considered problematic, as little evidence that

would survive judicial scrutiny directly links them to crimes in Syria and Iraq.

Bachelet said some existing cases haven't met international standards, noting that Iraq has sentenced to death more than 150 men and women in trials "which have not afforded adequate due process guarantees."

In her wide-ranging speech, Bachelet also expressed "regret" at Saudi Arabia's "dismissal" of a report last week by an independent U.N. human rights expert criticizing the kingdom over the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. As for China, she commended a "sound decision" by Hong Kong authorities to delay a bill on extradition that fanned mass protests. □

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Europe cool on Iran coalition talk, seeks de-escalation

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European officials appear cool toward U.S. talk of building a global coalition against Iran, saying that their top priority is to de-escalate tensions in the region as they cling to hopes of salvaging the nuclear deal with Tehran.

The split over Iran comes amid deepening divisions between the United States and its European allies over foreign policy and trade, with the allies appearing to talk past each other on a matter that both view as a crucial security issue.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Sunday as he headed for a visit to Middle Eastern allies Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates that he would discuss "how we can build out a global coalition" against Tehran that also includes Asia and Europe, describing Iran as "the world's largest state sponsor of terror." German Foreign Ministry spokesman Christofer Burger said Monday that Berlin had "taken note via the media" of Pompeo's comments on a coalition, a formulation that indicated Berlin had yet to be asked to join directly.

He added that "our top aim is and remains a de-escalation of the serious situation," pointing to contacts



French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, left, and his German counterpart Heiko Maas arrives for a media conference after the cabinet meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

at various levels with the U.S. and noting that various representatives of the three European countries have recently been in Tehran. European trio Germany, France and Britain, as well as Russia and China, remain part of the nuclear deal that U.S. President Donald Trump's administration abandoned last year. The 2015 agreement aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions in exchange for relief from economic sanctions.

Germany argues that the agreement, beyond ensuring that Iran doesn't pro-

duce nuclear weapons, also helps keep open lines of communication with Tehran to address other concerns about its behavior in the Middle East. Germany's foreign minister, Heiko Maas, on Sunday doubled down on criticism of the Trump administration's strategy of "maximum pressure" against Tehran, which is weighing heavily on Iran's economy. "It is having an economic effect, but it is also having an effect in other ways, and we see that in what is going on in the Middle East: the danger of war is rising,"

"exclusively diplomatic routes are needed to resolve differences. The EU is ready to work with partners to take this forward."

She added that "the latest developments underline the urgent need for restraint, for open channels of dialogue and for immediate de-escalation."

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt — who is also campaigning to lead the Conservative Party and become the new prime minister — told the Daily Mail newspaper at the weekend that "we will stand by the United States as our strongest ally but of course we have to consider any requests for military support on a case-by-case basis."

He said that "we want to de-escalate the situation but we are of course extremely worried."

The Europeans' diplomatic balancing act faces severe pressure from the Iranian side as well.

On Friday, officials from Iran and the remaining parties to the nuclear deal are due to hold a regular meeting in Vienna, with Tehran saying that it expects to exceed the uranium stockpile limit set by the agreement this week.

Iran also has set a July 7 deadline for Europe to come up with better terms for it to stay in the accord. □

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Criticism as Turkey puts 16 on trial for anti-govt protests

By ZEYNEP BILGINSOY

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Prominent philanthropist Osman Kavala and 15 others went on trial in Turkey Monday accused of organizing anti-government protests in 2013, with defendants and rights groups calling the charges baseless and aimed at silencing civil society activities.

The prosecutor claims the defendants, many of them active in civil society, "attempted to overthrow the government" of then-Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, through organizing and financing an "uprising." The charge carries a life sentence. Erdogan is now Turkey's president.

Protests began in 2013 to protect the small Gezi Park in central Istanbul from development but quickly transformed into wider anti-government demonstrations across Turkey. Police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse mostly peaceful protesters, leading to widespread criticism of how Turkish authorities handled the protests.

Among the 16 are Kavala, in pre-trial detention for 20 months, and Yigit Aksakoglu, who works for an early childhood education foundation, detained for eight



Turkish soldiers stand outside the court in a prison complex where the trial of prominent philanthropist Osman Kavala and 15 others started, while people arrive, in Silivri, outside Istanbul, Monday, June 24, 2019.

months.

In his first court appearance Monday, Kavala said there was no evidence against him to substantiate the charges that he planned an uprising. The indictment also claims that billionaire philanthropist George Soros masterminded the Gezi protests, but does not list him as a suspect.

Erdogan is among the 746 complainants on the indictment and has publicly accused Kavala of financ-

ing the protests with Soros' backing.

Kavala, the founder of an organization that focuses on cultural and artistic projects for peace and dialogue, told the court his activities in civil society have been transparent and included engaging with the government.

Kavala argued, based on academic and human rights research, that the protests were varied individual and collective acts

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in numerous cities, without central organizing.

"I'm no different than the hundreds of thousands of people who conducted peaceful activities during the Gezi events and I request my release and acquittal," he said.

Aksakoglu, the Turkey representative of Dutch philanthropic Bernard van Leer Foundation, also demanded his release, saying the charges against him were imagined.

Kavala's arrest in November 2017 was internationally condemned. The European Union questioned whether the Turkish judiciary adhered to international standards after the indictment was announced in February.

The 657-page indictment cites hundreds of intercepted telephone conversations from the defendants as well as their travels abroad and social media posts. The defendants are also accused of numerous other charges, including damaging property and damaging places of worship and cemeteries.

Human Rights Watch called the charges "bogus," saying the indictment does not explain how the defendants planned an uprising. The group said the aim of the trial was to "silence and punish the defendants for their legitimate and entirely peaceful civic activities and work."

Since a failed coup in 2016, activists, journalists and opposition lawmakers have been caught up in the net of a widespread crackdown by the Turkish government that initially began against the network of a U.S.-based cleric accused of masterminding the attempted overthrow. □

Sudan's military sidesteps proposal for civilian rule

By HUSSEIN MALLA

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Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Sudan's military rulers refused to agree on Monday to the Ethiopian proposal for a power-sharing agreement with the country's pro-democracy movement, a top general said, in comments that could worsen a volatile standoff with the protesters.

Ethiopia has led diplomatic efforts to bring the military and protest leaders back to the negotiating table, after a deadly crackdown by security forces killed at least 128 people across the country earlier this month, according to protest organizers. Sudanese authorities offered a lower toll of 61



Shamseddine Kabbashi, spokesperson for the governing Sudan Military Council, makes statements to the press at the Presidential Palace in Khartoum, Sudan, on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

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deaths. Protest leaders, represented by the Forces for Declaration of Freedom and Change, had accepted the Ethiopian initiative the

the protesters forced the military to remove the autocrat Omar al-Bashir from power.

But on Monday, the powerful deputy head of the military council, Gen. Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, said the mission of the Ethiopian envoy, Mahmoud Dirir, was to pave the way for resuming talks with the FDFC, "not to offer proposals for solutions."

"The mission of the Ethiopian mediator was limited to prepare the parties for negotiations. We did not agree on shares in the sovereign council. We do not accept prescriptions," he said.

Dagalo said the ruling military council did not oppose civilian participation in the

future sovereign council — or that the FDFC might form the government. He added that the transitional legislative body "should be (formed) through elections."

In a press conference on Sunday, the military council had said the previous deals with the protest leaders were invalid, given the changes on the ground in Sudan since talks collapsed in May.

A spokesman for the council, Gen. Shams Ed-din Kabashi, said: "The circumstances in which we reached such understandings ... are not the same."

Previously, both sides had agreed on an interim legislative body and Cabinet formed by the protesters. □

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Protesters block Hong Kong building access, plan new action

By DAKE KANG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Protesters fearing an erosion of Hong Kong's legal autonomy blocked access to a government office building for nearly two hours Monday and plan more demonstrations to draw the attention of leaders attending the G-20 summit this week.

About 100 demonstrators jammed the entryway and lobby of the Inland Revenue Tower, a skyscraper in the Wan Chai district in the city center.

Earlier, one of the main protest groups announced a demonstration planned on Wednesday to try to draw the attention of world leaders attending the Group of 20 summit in Japan.

The leaders of the Civil Human Rights Front said they hope the world leaders meeting in Osaka will hear the protesters' concerns over the weakening of the city's legal autonomy by mainland China.

Hundreds of thousands



A man squeezes through protesters blocking the lobby of the Hong Kong Revenue Tower in Hong Kong on Monday, June 24, 2019.

of people have filled the streets and sidewalks in recent weeks to oppose legislation seen as increasing Beijing's control and police treatment of the protesters. The activists spoke on Monday near the city government headquarters, where

a few protesters remained though the offices in the building had reopened. Kelvin Ho, one of the group's several leaders, said the protest was meant to "urge the international community to give stress on Beijing that we need de-

you that for sure the G-20 will not discuss the issue of Hong Kong and we will not allow the G-20 to discuss the issue of Hong Kong." Hong Kong's government "has taken a series of measures to safeguard fairness and justice of society and to block loopholes in the legal system. We believe what they have done is completely necessary and the central government supports these measures," he said.

Joshua Wong, another activist who helped galvanize mass pro-democracy protests in 2014, said on Twitter that he was urging his followers to join the protest on Wednesday.

Pro-democracy activists and legislators and others critical of the extradition bill have insisted they are not satisfied with apologies from the authorities over the handling of the unpopular legislation and over police moves during protests that many Hong Kong residents considered overly aggressive. □

Death toll in Indian encephalitis outbreak rises to 152

By INDRAJIT SINGH

Associated Press

PATNA, India (AP) — India's Supreme Court on Monday directed state and national authorities to file reports to the court on an encephalitis outbreak in the eastern state of Bihar this month in which 152 children have died. A senior health department official in Bihar, Sanjay Kumar, said the epidemic is showing signs of slowing with no new deaths on Monday. The fatalities



Activists of Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) shout slogans condemning deaths of more than 100 children in an encephalitis outbreak this month in eastern Bihar state, during a protest in Hyderabad, India, Monday, June 24, 2019.

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have occurred in 20 of the state's 38 districts.

The outbreak has been exacerbated by a heatwave, with temperatures in Patna, Bihar's capital, reaching a high of 45.8 Celsius (114.5 Fahrenheit).

More than 700 cases of encephalitis have been registered since the outbreak began June 1, officials said. Young children are particularly vulnerable to the illness, which can cause swelling of the brain,

fever and vomiting. The Supreme Court was responding to a petition filed by a lawyer. "The deaths of children are a direct result of negligence and inaction" on part of authorities, said Manohar Pratap, the petitioner. The court expressed concern over the deaths and asked the governments to respond within seven days with details on medical facilities, nutrition, sanitation and hygiene conditions in the state. □

Chile's dictatorship-era children demand legal recognition

By EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Two months before Tamara Lagos was born in 1984, her father was killed by agents of the Chilean dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Soon after, her mother took her into exile in Argentina. But when Lagos finally returned to Chile five years later, she was unable to secure a birth certificate with her father's surname because he wasn't alive to claim her as his child. The quest for redress eventually led her to the Supreme Court, which finally ordered the Chilean civil registry in April to correct Lagos' identity document.

Even so, she doesn't have a sense of closure.

"My father was killed 35 years ago, the same 35 years that I've been on this Earth," she told The Associated Press. "The ruling is not enough to repair it. It's not enough to do justice. It's not enough to become a source of joy."

Like many others, Lagos is one of Chile's "posthumous children," those who lost one or both of their parents during the 1973-1990 Pinochet regime. Some have fought decades-long legal battles demanding to be recognized as offspring of victims, while others have struggled to obtain accurate identification with the names of their biological parents.



In this May 10, 2019 photo, protesters whose family members or friends were detained and never heard from again during the Pinochet dictatorship are reflected in an office window advertising private pension plans, in Santiago, Chile.

Chile's Human Rights Program declined to give AP the number of cases similar to that of Lagos. But there are nine instances listed in the 1991 records of a Chilean truth commission that quantified the number of people killed and entitled their direct relatives to compensation. Luciano Aedo, whose father was also killed by dictatorship agents in the same operation that left Lagos' father dead, said he has been attempting to be recognized as Luciano Aedo Arias' son since he was 19. "I had to sue my (adoptive) father,"

he said. "In the beginning, it hurt him." Since the Supreme Court ruling applied only to Lagos, Aedo is currently considered a legally illegitimate son and carries the name of his stepfather — another example of the difficulties faced by family members in the pursuit of justice for Pinochet-era crimes.

During the dictatorship, at least 3,095 people were killed, according to government figures, and tens of thousands more were tortured or jailed for political reasons.

Chilean courts have made progress by appointing

special judges exclusively dedicated to cases of human rights violations, with 447 defendants sentenced and an additional 1,328 put on trial between 2000 and 2018. An amnesty law issued by Pinochet in 1978 shielded offenders who committed human rights abuses during the dictatorship's first five years, but has also not been applied since 1990, leading to the prosecution of hundreds of others.

Despite the strides, however, Chile continues to uphold deep barriers against the children of leftist dissidents killed during the bru-

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tal regime. In 1994, Lagos was formally recognized as an illegitimate daughter. That allowed her to pursue a university degree for free and obtain a monthly pension of about \$57 while she studied — one of the benefits granted to the relatives of dictatorship victims. But the designation still suggested she had been born out of wedlock.

In 1998, legislation retracted the requirement that children's status at birth be listed on their legal document. The law, however, only applied to children born after that year, leaving many — including those orphaned for reasons unrelated to the dictatorship — at a loss. For a long time, Lagos focused on a lawsuit against the government aimed at securing justice over her father's execution. A court eventually ruled that two assassins were involved in the killing, but said it could not determine who took the fatal shot. That case is currently being appealed.

Separately, Lagos filed a formal suit in 2018 against the Chilean civil registry over the exclusion of her father's name on her identity document. Rodrigo Bustos, head of the National Human Rights Institute's legal department, said the institute helped with the case because Lagos "was suffering an infringement on her human rights." □

Italian mobster Rocco Morabito escapes from Uruguayan prison

By LEONARDO HABERKORN

Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — A top Italian organized crime boss escaped during the night from the Uruguayan prison where he was awaiting extradition to Italy, Uruguay's interior ministry said Monday.

Rocco Morabito and three other inmates got out "through the roof" of a prison in Montevideo around midnight before making their way "through a neighboring farm and robbing its owner," a ministry statement said.

Morabito has been on the



In this Sept. 3, 2017 file photo released by the Italian police, a man identified by police as longtime fugitive Rocco Morabito, looks down after being arrested at a hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay.

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run from Italy since 1994 and has been sentenced there to 30 years in prison for drug trafficking. Italian

prosecutors say Morabito, 52, played a large role in operations between South America and Milan, which

is a distribution point for illegal drugs.

The fugitive has also been described as a key figure in the Calabria-based 'Ndrangheta mob, one of the world's biggest movers of cocaine.

"It's disconcerting and serious that a criminal like Rocco Morabito, a boss of Ndrangheta, has managed to escape from an Uruguay prison while waiting to be extradited to Italy," Italian Interior Minister Matteo Salvini said on Twitter. "I'm making two pledges: shedding full light on the escape, asking for immedi-

ate explanations from the Montevideo government, and chasing Morabito, wherever he is, to throw him in prison as he deserves."

Morabito was arrested in 2017 at a hotel in the Uruguayan capital, although he had been living in a villa with its own swimming pool in the seaside city of Punta del Este. At the time, Uruguayan police confiscated a 9 mm gun, 13 cellphones and \$54,000 in cash as well as a luxury Mercedes coupe. He had been living under an alias for about a decade and using a false Brazilian passport. □

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**A magical evening ends with a donation of \$30,000
Wind Creek Hospitality and Renaissance Aruba giving back to the
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ORANJESTAD — Wind Creek Hospitality together with Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino exceeded all expectations with the third edition of 'Long Table', as the culinary event was completely sold out months before date. For just one night the team members of Renaissance Aruba served dinner at the longest table on the island. The table covered a large part of the L.G. Smith Boulevard accommodating 1,000 people. This year all proceeds of the event went to one charity: Pasadia Infantil Te Aworo

\$30.000 to Pasadia Infantil Te Aworo

Pasadia Infantil Te Aworo is a daycare for children between the ages of 0-4 that was founded in 1962 in San Nicolaas under the name of Mgr. A. van der Veen Zeppenfeldt Foundation. The capacity at the daycare is for 150 children, but due to its bad condition and urgent repair needs, they have currently only 39 children under their care. The plan is to get in full operation once the repairs are completed so that they can keep taking care and educating the children of Aruba, especially from San Nicolaas. The community contributed to this good cause by buying a ticket for 30 dollars. All 1,000 attendees enjoyed a three course dinner accompanied by two glasses of wine. The Renaissance Aruba culinary team spearheaded by Executive Chef Sebastian Cechet, once again did a fantastic job! At the end of the evening a donation for the amount of \$30,000 was handed over by Mr. Paul Gielen, General Manager of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and Mr. Glenbert Croes, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor to Mrs. Sheirla Pietersz- Cilie, Director of Pasadia Infantil Te Aworo. The General Manager of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, Mr. Paul Gielen, expressed his delight for being able to do this for the Aruban community. "This event fits perfectly within the philosophy of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, which is now part of Wind Creek

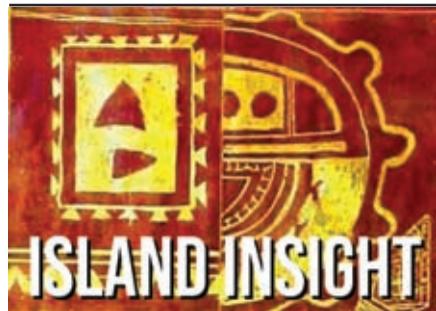


Hospitality; to give back to the community and contribute to the positive development of our people. I would like to thank all team members who have worked hard to make another edition of Long Table Aruba a success. I would also like to thank everyone who bought a ticket so that we could raise funds for Te Aworo this year. We hope to be able to count on you again next year!"

Thank you!

Renaissance Aruba received the cooperation from the authorities to close L.G. Smith Boulevard and set up the elegant white table just in front of Marina Hotel. Around 10:30pm the boulevard was opened again to traffic. The music was provided by Bambu Band and DJ Golden. Erin Croes, the director of Magic 96.5FM, was once again the MC for the night. An event such as 'Long Table' Aruba, would not have been possible without a few sponsors that gave their help and support to this beautiful project. Wind Creek Hospitality together with Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino would like to thank its team members, Caribbean Overseas and Tropical Bottling Company. Also a big thank you to High Performance and Express Events & Party Rentals. Others that gave their support are Andmar, Aqua Panna & S. Pellegrino, ARTN Photography, Aruba Laundry, ASD Aruba Supplies & Distribution, Bite! Communications, EcoTech, Elite Productions, Fantastic Gardens, Flora Market, New York Laundry, Scaff-Pro, The Greatest Inter Employment Agency, Thunder N Lightning, Vanquez Corporation, Wolff Independents and Zen Designs. For pictures of this successful culinary event please visit www.facebook.com/LongTableAruba. □





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Dutch Aruban after 1650

A free for all, our island seas, the Caribbean and world oceans has become pretty much a pirates playground for whomever was in search of adventures. Every one at sea could become prey, while in the Caribbean hunting grounds, dogs didn't eat dog. Especially after 1651 (Navigation Act) and as a result of the English wars against the Dutch Republic, the island had to suffer many attacks from freebooters, pirates and buccaneers about which there is historical evidence.

In 1651 the English buccaneer appears in the roadstead. Some people are disembarked, and shortly after they depart with twelve formidable horses possessing a value of 300 guilders each, a large -scale robbery for our island. The commander, having only a few horsemen at his disposal, could do next to nothing to avoid risking lives of his citizens. According to Exquemelin recordings, there were fifteen soldiers here in 1678. This number may be correct, since the man evidently had been on Aruba himself, and had no reason to exaggerate. The strength of the garrison, therefore, seems to have been rather variable. Some time later, in 1701, Aruba's whole occupational force consisted of Commander Flaccius, two horsemen and two soldiers.

The material means for defense also left much to be desired. At that time there was not a single fortifications on Aruba. There were natives on horseback and armed with Spanish muskets, instead of the muskets the Spaniards on the island had to fire off, the Dutch possessed carbines that no longer needed liflocks eliminating elaborate manipulations with fuses.

In August of 1660, a privately-owned ship, De Vergulde Paeuw (The Gilded Peacock), "having been boarded by the accomplices of an English privateer," as mentioned in a document among Hamelberg's collection, "was spoliated inimically, these people taking out of everything they inflicting serious injuries upon the crew, and perpetrating other hostilities and knaveries".

Legal position of the Indians

Under the administration of the company, the status of the Indians differed from that under Spanish dominion. The native under Spanish rule enjoyed a certain measure of liberty, this position being actually better than that of the North European farmer of the period. Historiography, which both from the Dutch and from the English side has received an anti-Spanish bias, a fact capable of historical explanation, that has hitherto been unjust in its critical approach to Spanish colonialism, if this word could be used at all for Spain. Spain knew in America "esos reinos," which politically stood on a footing of equality with "estos reinos," by which were understood the kingdoms of the Iberian Peninsula. But it goes without saying that there must have been a difference between

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Pic.2. Dutch ships spotting Taratata the bay Spanish called Playa or Muelle de los caballos .

doctrine and practice.

Within the jurisdiction of the Dutch administration the Indian could not be forced into slavery. He was subjected to the same laws as the white colonist, especially to whom the government regulations of 1629 applied. Here, too, there cannot fail to have been a discrepancy between doctrine and practice, because the Indians were utterly destitute drudges. In 1635 some of them had been employed as hunt-servants. In reward these "free" men re-

ceive a set of clothes, shirts, and shoes, to replace their worn and thread-bare garments. They also for once got the full ratio of bread and brandy.

From a lawsuit dealt with on Aruba (ca. 1804) it might be concluded that the Indians were allowed to raise goats freely, but not donkeys, horses and cows. This would point to some discrimination being made in favor of the whites.

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Pic. 1 . Dutch soldiers of the WIC



Pic. 3. Contemporary fire arms

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Pic.4. Golden Peacock

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On all three islands so-called red slaves were also found, that is Indians brought by the caci-que from the continent. Principally these were girls under age, or boys that had been taken prisoners. In the nineteenth century there is a relatively great number of such persons on the island, Natives from other tribes that spoke their own language

Meanwhile the instructions issued by the company in 1635, which principally related to Cura-cao, enjoined that everything should be done to free the Indians from their "barbaric practices," and to make them civilized subjects. Particularly, the education of the children should be directed towards their conversion to Christianity and a decent, civic way of life. As it was deemed that "idleness is the parent of vice,"



Pic. 5. Caquetian girl.

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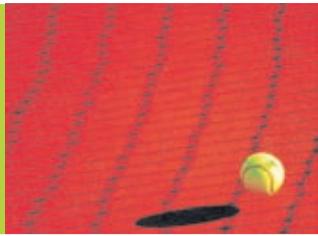
PALM BEACH — Recently, Marouska Heyliger had the great pleasure to honor Loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors at their home away from home. The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20-35 and more consecutive years.

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Heyliger thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years together with the member of Marriott Ocean Club.□



SPORTS



Australia's Ashleigh Barty celebrates a point against Czech Republic's Barbora Strycova during their semi-finals Birmingham Classic tennis match at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham, England, Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Associated Press

Analysis: New No. 1 Barty's rapid rise could be just a start

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

Ash Barty never had been ranked inside the WTA's top 10 until April. As of Monday, she is No. 1.

The 23-year-old Australian never had been as far as the quarterfinals at any Grand Slam tournament until January. As of this month, she is the French Open champion — and as of next week, she'll be among the favorites to win Wimbledon.

"It's been a whirlwind few weeks for me," Barty said. "A whirlwind year."

Sure has. Given the skills and all-court capability she's displayed, along with the strong head on her shoulders thanks in part to a hiatus from the tennis tour while playing professional cricket, there is little reason to think this rapid rise will be anything but the start of a long run for Barty.

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ADIOS AMIGAS





In this June 23, 2017, file photo, former baseball player Alex Rodriguez sits in the stands before the start of a baseball game in Miami.

Associated Press

Rodriguez looking to improve in ESPN baseball booth

By JOE REEDY

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Alex Rodriguez had to make some adjustments when he switched from shortstop to third base after signing with the New York Yankees.

He is having the same type of learning curve as a game analyst.

Rodriguez said he is happy with the improvements he has made in his second year in the booth for ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball," but he is looking to get better during the second half of the season.

"I certainly feel better than I did last year. I think the flow between all of us is improving," Rodriguez said last week while in Los Angeles, where he called a pair of Dodgers games.

Rodriguez was a pleasant surprise when he joined Fox's studio team in 2015, but studio work involves a finite amount of time and isn't happening while the game is taking place.

A game has plenty of ebbs and flows over three hours and can be a challenge when a three-person booth is involved.

Rodriguez said the biggest challenge has been learning when to join into the conversation with Matt Vasgersian and Jessica Mendoza, along with still discovering when would be the proper time to interject an anecdote about a player or manager.

"I think I'm doing a better

job of being in the moment and reacting to what is going on in front of me, which is helping the flow," he said. When it comes to what is happening on the field, Rodriguez said the biggest surprises in the American League has been the play of the Minnesota Twins and New York Yankees. The Twins have emerged as one of the top power-hitting teams, while the Yankees are leading the AL East despite of a rash of injuries.

In the National League, Rodriguez considers the Los Angeles Dodgers to be the favorite, but he does see a couple of flaws.

"They definitely are an offensive juggernaut, but their bullpen needs to be more consistent," he said. Rodriguez said he didn't find out until after the June 9 Cardinals-Cubs game in Chicago that David Ortiz had been shot in the Dominican Republic.

He said he was shocked to hear the news about his close friend but has been in contact with the family. Ortiz has been moved out of intensive care at Massachusetts General Hospital and remains in good condition.

"I look forward to talking baseball with him soon," Rodriguez said.

ESPN's Sunday night telecasts are averaging 1.5 million viewers, which is the same as last season, despite beginning an hour earlier. □



Eddie Haskell, right, with jockey Kent Desormeaux aboard, win the third race during the last day of the winter/spring meet at the Santa Anita horse racing track Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Santa Anita, Calif.

Associated Press

Santa Anita season ends after 30 horse deaths, trainer ban

By BETH HARRIS

AP Racing Writer

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Santa Anita's troubled racing season has come to a close after the deaths of 30 horses at the Southern California track rattled the industry and led to Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer being banned when four of his horses were among the casualties.

There were no incidents during morning training hours or in the 10 races Sunday. About 20 protesters briefly toted signs outside an entrance to the track, calling attention to the deaths and condemning the sport.

Hollendorfer had two horses entered to run closing day, but they, along with two others Saturday, were scratched by track stewards on the recommendation of a special panel convened to review horses' medical, training and racing history.

The 73-year-old trainer was ordered by The Stronach Group to remove his horses from Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields in Northern California, which are owned by the company. The fourth death in his stable during the meet occurred Saturday. Track ownership said Hollendorfer was "no longer welcome to stable, race, or train his horses at any of our facilities."

No one from The Stronach Group spoke to the media Sunday despite a request. The company said a statement would be forthcoming in a few days.

Racing next moves to Los Alamitos in Orange County beginning June 29, where the California Horse Racing Board said a panel will review horses entered to run there.

That track will "gladly" provide stalls to Hollendorfer, whom track owner Edward Allred called "an unexcelled horseman."

"Unless forbidden by the California Horse Racing Board, we intend to permit entries from Hollendorfer," Allred said in a state-

ment. "We do not feel he should be a scapegoat for a problem which derives from a number of factors."

Still unknown is whether Hollendorfer would be allowed to train at Del Mar near San Diego, which opens its summer meet July 17. A track spokesman said Sunday a decision had yet to be made. Neither Los Alamitos nor Del Mar is owned by The Stronach Group. Racing at Santa Anita is set to resume Sept. 27. The track is scheduled to host the Breeders' Cup world championships on Nov. 1-2.

The Breeders' Cup board of directors is expected to meet this week to discuss this year's location.

The fatalities at Santa Anita since Dec. 26 have raised alarm within California and the rest of the racing industry. Gov. Gavin Newsom recently stepped in to direct the formation of the special panel to evaluate horses' histories before they race. Track and racing board officials implemented several changes involving exams of horses scheduled to train or race.

The racing board also is looking at changes involving jockeys' use of a riding crop in a race.

Hall of Fame jockey Kent Desormeaux was fined \$100 by the stewards for violating a CHRB rule that prohibits use of a crop more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond. The violation occurred in the eighth race Saturday. Bob Baffert, the two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer, recently traveled to Sacramento to meet legislators concerned about the horse deaths. The majority occurred during the winter months when usually arid Santa Anita was hit with record rainfall totaling nearly a foot.

Trainers like Doug O'Neill, a two-time Kentucky Derby winner, are dismayed that the sport is under fire amid a drumbeat of negativity. □

U.S. in the World Cup quarterfinals after 2-1 win over Spain

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

REIMS, France (AP) — Spain tested the United States like no other team at the Women's World Cup.

The U.S. looked disorganized at times facing Spain's aggressive and physical style before pulling out a 2-1 victory Monday night.

It could have been just what the Americans needed: France is waiting.

Megan Rapinoe converted a pair of penalty kicks to set up the United States' much-anticipated quarterfinal rendezvous with the hosts.

The tense match was knotted at 1 until Rapinoe's second penalty put the defending champions ahead in the 75th minute.

"I think we showed just a lot of grit and experience, to be honest, in this game," Rapinoe said. "Obviously as we get into these knockout rounds it's more stressful, there's more pressure, the games are more intense. Every team lifts its level." Rapinoe's first came in the seventh minute to the cheers of the U.S. supporters melting in temperatures that reached nearly 90 degrees at the Stade Auguste-Delaune. They were quieted a short time later when Jennifer Hermoso tied it up for Spain with the first goal the Americans had allowed in France.

Video review was used to confirm a foul on Rose Lavelle that gave the pink-haired captain the game-winner, spoiling Spain's spirited effort in its first knockout-round appearance at a World Cup.

The three-time World Cup winners now head to Paris to face France on Friday night. The French defeated Brazil 2-1 in extra time Sunday night, with Amandine Henry scoring the game-winner in the 107th minute. "I think this is the game that everyone had circled," Rapinoe said, referring to France. "I think it's going to be a great match. I hope it's wild and crazy, I hope the fans are crazy and there's tons of media around it and it's just a big



United States' Megan Rapinoe scores her side's second goal from a penalty spot during the Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Spain and US at the Stade Auguste-Delaune in Reims, France, Monday, June 24, 2019.

Associated Press

spectacle. I think this is incredible for the women's game, when you have two heavy hitters meeting in the final knockout round."

The game at the home of Paris Saint-Germain has been anticipated since the tournament draw in December. France is vying to become the first nation to simultaneously hold both

the men's and women's World Cup titles. The French men won in Russia last year. The United States skated through its group with a stage record 18 goals. The team also didn't concede a goal in the group stage for the first time at a World Cup. Until Monday, the Americans had not allowed a goal in eight straight competitive matches dating to the 2016 Olympics, outscoring opponents 44-0. It was the first goal the United States had allowed this year since a 5-3 win over Australia in an April friendly.

"This tournament isn't supposed to be easy and Spain was a great team," midfielder Samantha Mewis said. "I think these are the kinds of things that let us

know that we're strong and that we can grind through something. So I think we're gonna take a lot from this and it gives us a lot of faith in ourselves."

La Roja had not scored in its previous two games but still finished second in its group to Germany to get the matchup with the Americans.

The U.S. and Spain last met in a friendly in Alicante in January, part of a European exhibition trip for the United States. Christen Press scored the lone goal in a 1-0 victory. That match was a confidence-booster for No. 13 Spain because it was able to hang with the world's top-ranked team. Spain's profile on the international stage has grown under coach Jorge Vilda, who took over following the team's World Cup debut in 2015. Spain won the 2017 Algarve Cup and last year won the Cyprus Cup. Spain pushed the U.S. hard Monday.

"I actually think we deserved it more, but you know sometimes football is like that. I'm so proud of

the team," Spain midfielder Vicky Losada said. "I'm so proud of the effort of the team and I think now we have to think about it, and think about the future, which I think is going to be so good."

Rapinoe's first penalty kick was the result of Maria Leon's tackle on Tobin Heath after a pass from Abby Dahlkemper.

Less than three minutes later, goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher's pass to Becky Sauerbrunn was stripped by Lucia Garcia and the ball wound up at the feet of Hermoso, who sent her shot from the penalty arc into the top right corner. It was Hermoso's third goal of the tournament to lead Spain.

Alex Morgan was set to take the penalty after Lavelle was tripped up by Virginia Torrecilla, but after the review Rapinoe stepped forward and slotted the ball just under the outstretched arm of Spain goalkeeper Sandra Panos. Sauerbrunn was grateful. "She's never going to have to buy another drink for the rest of the time. I will sup-

ply her with whatever she needs," she said.

Morgan, who leads the field in France with five goals, took a beating throughout the game and was seldom a factor. She stayed down for a long while in the second half after a hard tackle by Irene Paredes.

Coach Jill Ellis did not start midfielder Lindsey Horan, replacing her with Mewis. Horan, who came in as a sub in the 89th minute, had a yellow card in the team's second match.

Rapinoe collected a yellow card in the 37th minute against Spain. The cards could become an issue for the United States going forward. Players who accumulate two through the quarterfinals must sit out the next game.

Ellis, who coached her 124th match to match April Heinrichs for the most in team history, said she felt Spain's challenge will benefit the Americans come Friday.

"I think what this game gave us and the takeaways from it — massive," Ellis said afterward. □

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New No. 1

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She will head to the All England Club — where she exited in the third round a year ago — on a 12-match winning streak, after following up her breakthrough championship at Roland Garros on June 8 with a title Sunday at the grass-court tuneup tournament in Birmingham, England, where she didn't drop a set.

That assured Barty of overtaking Naomi Osaka, the reigning champion at the U.S. Open and Australian Open, atop the WTA rankings.

"You always dream of it as a little kid, but for it to become a reality is incredible," Barty said about getting to No. 1, something only 26 other women have done since computer rankings were introduced in 1973. "This year, we were aiming for top 10, and now to be where we are is a testament to all of the people around me."

Barty began 2019 at No. 15 and with one fourth-round showing in her 17 appearances in singles at major tournaments. Look at what she's done so far this season: tour-high 36 wins (in 41 matches), tour-high three titles (each on a different surface), debut Grand Slam quarterfinal at the Australian Open, then the trophy in Paris.

It was almost exactly three years ago that Barty returned to tennis, without a ranking at all, after a 1½-year absence because she needed time away from the grind of the tour. She stepped away at age 18, briefly switching sports to join a cricket team in Australia.

Her ability to play tennis was never an issue; she was, after all, a junior champion at Wimbledon in 2011, and reached three Grand Slam doubles finals.

"She was just overwhelmed with everything. She was so young. Expectations were



Australia's Ashley Barty poses with the trophy after beating Germany's Julia Goerges during the final match of the Nature Valley Classic at Edgbaston Priory Club in Birmingham, England, Sunday June 23, 2019.

Associated Press

high on her back then. And she wasn't handling that stuff very well. So it was the best thing she ever did, was step away from the sport and just reassess her life and see what she wanted to do," her coach, Craig Tyzzer, said the day Barty won the French Open. "For someone to be able to walk back in and play ten-

nis at the level she's been able to do in three years is pretty amazing. And she's grown in that time, as well. The growth is continuing. It'll still be ongoing."

Away from the court, that includes Barty's work with Ben Crowe, a performance coach who helps her with the mental side of things. "I have become a better

person," Barty said, "and with that, I've become a better tennis player, as well."

On the court, Tyzzer helps Barty in a constant search for improvement and variety.

Her slice backhand, big serve and forehand and strong net game are all part of a formula that give her a chance to win, no matter the surface or the opponent.

The confidence with which Barty is playing now is a big factor in her current form, too. One that there shouldn't be any reason to doubt will continue.

"This game doesn't get any easier. The fact that you won a Grand Slam doesn't mean you go out and win every match from now on," Tyzzer said. "And she'll know that."

At the moment, Barty does go out and win every match. That won't go on forever, of course, but she does seem well-situated to keep adding to her list of milestones. □

Blue Jackets at center of attention as NHL free agency looms

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Hockey Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) —

Where many express concern, Jarmo Kekäläinen says he sees only opportunity regarding the uncertain state of the Columbus roster a week before NHL free agency.

To Kekäläinen, the fear of possibly losing stars such as Matt Duchene, Artemi Panarin and goalie Sergei Bobrovsky on July 1 is offset by the knowledge that their departures would open significant space under the salary cap.

That would put the Blue Jackets general manager in prime position to fill those holes through trades or free agency at a time when the newly announced \$81.5 million payroll maximum for next season is forcing various cap-strapped teams to shed salary.

"I think every \$100,000 or every \$1,000 counts at this point for some teams that are going to be squeezed," Kekäläinen said shortly after the new cap number — \$1.5 million lower than initially projected — was announced.

"They're going to have to sell their problems. We could be a solution."

Kekäläinen won't rate the Blue Jackets' chances of

re-signing one or all three players. "I'm sure we'll get some answers shortly if it starts looking like they're moving into another direction. But we thought this could happen," he said, referring to the bold gamble Columbus made in choosing to acquire Duchene in a trade with Ottawa, and retain Panarin and Bobrovsky at the trade deadline in February knowing they were in the final years of their contracts.

"If it happens, we're not going to be shocked," Kekäläinen added. "If it is the case, then we just move forward with what we have and start building other ways."

The 27-year-old Panarin is considered the top free agent on the market. The NHL's 2016 rookie of the year has topped 70 points in each of his four seasons and scored 116 goals in 322 career games. Duchene, a center, has topped 20 goals seven times in 10 seasons and coming off a year in which he had a career-best 31 goals.

And then there is the 30-year-old Bobrovsky, a two-time Vezina Trophy-winner. The Blue Jackets could also lose center Ryan Dzingel, whom they acquired in a separate trade

with Ottawa. Other notable free agents set to hit the market are San Jose captain Joe Pavelski, Winnipeg defenseman Tyler Myers and Toronto defenseman Jake Gardiner.

The list of top-end talent has dwindled with defenseman Erik Karlsson re-signing with San Jose, forward Jeff Skinner re-signing with Buffalo, and Philadelphia acquiring and signing center Kevin Hayes.

According to Spotrac.com, only nine of 31 teams are projected to be \$20 million or more under the cap, and led by Colorado at \$35.5 million. At the other end of the spectrum is Vegas, currently projected to be \$1.6 million over the cap, and will have to be in compliance by the start of the season in October.

Some teams may resort to the rarely used option of poaching from the restricted free agent pool. This would require a team issuing an offer sheet, which would lead to the player's team having to decide to match the offer or receive draft picks as compensation.

The Calgary Flames, in 2013, were the last team to issue an offer sheet in a bid to acquire then-Avalanche center Ryan O'Reilly, only



In this April 5, 2019, file photo, Columbus Blue Jackets left wing Artemi Panarin (9), of Russia, skates with the puck against New York Rangers during the first period of an NHL hockey game in New York.

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to have Colorado match the contract.

Speculation has focused on talented Maple Leafs forward Mitchell Marner being a candidate to receive an offer sheet, something Toronto GM Kyle Dubas acknowledged without committing to whether the team would match it.

"It's kind of hanging over everything now," Dubas said last week.

"It's our intention they're here for as long as we can possibly keep them. But if the dollar amount doesn't make sense as far as our in-

ternal economics, it will be a decision as to what we might do."

The Maple Leafs are at least better positioned to re-sign Marner after freeing up \$6.2 million of cap space by trading veteran forward Patrick Marleau to Carolina over the weekend.

Cap constraints were behind the Nashville Predators' decision to trade P.K. Subban to New Jersey, with the Devils easily affording the play-making defenseman's \$9 million annual cap hit over the final three years of his contract. □

Dutch Olympic champion completes 195-kilometer charity swim

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — On one of the hottest days of the Dutch summer, Olympic long-distance swimming champion Maarten van der Weijden completed a marathon swim Monday along the route of a famous Dutch speedskating race, to raise money for cancer research.

Van der Weijden finished the 195-kilometer (121-mile) swim through canals in the northern province of Friesland in just over three days, swimming slowly into the city of Leeuwarden Monday evening followed by a flotilla of boats and stand-up paddlers.

As he reached the finish-

ing point, he stopped, punched the air then slowly and gingerly clambered up a ladder out of the water, supported by helpers because his legs were weak after his long swim.

"I did it!" an exhausted Van der Weijden said in images broadcast live on national television.

Van der Weijden has been a Dutch celebrity since winning the 10-kilometer open water swim at the 2008 Beijing Olympics after surviving leukemia, and has used his fame to raise millions for cancer research.

He completed the swim less than a year after having to give up his first attempt after 163 kilometers



In this Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, file photo, Maarten van der Weijden, of the Netherlands, celebrates with his gold medal after winning the men's swimming marathon at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

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(101 miles) due to ill health. This time, he stopped briefly

for meals, quick naps and to have his face slathered in sunblock during his swim. "Last year, I suffered.

This year, I really enjoyed it," he said before being driven away in a golf buggy so that he could head to a hospital for a checkup. Cheered on by thousands of supporters throughout the weekend, Van der Weijden had to endure chafing in his black and yellow wetsuit as he slowly swam through the 11 towns that make up the route of the speedskating race that is only staged in winters when ice covering canals is thick enough to hold thousands of skaters.

The last race was in 1997. □

Camargo's pinch-hit HR in 10th lifts Braves past Nats 4-3

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Johan Camargo had a two-run, pinch-hit homer in the 10th inning, and the Atlanta Braves beat the Washington Nationals 4-3 Sunday to win their fifth straight series. Overcoming an injury to standout rookie starting pitcher Mike Soroka, the Braves used the long ball and their bullpen to win the deciding matchup of a three-game set between NL East rivals.

Camargo connected off Tanner Rainey (1-2) after Ozzie Albies drew a one-out walk, and Atlanta held on for its seventh victory in 10 extra-inning games this season. Josh Donaldson and Ronald Acuña Jr. also went deep for the first-place Braves.

Juan Soto homered for the Nationals, who have lost two in a row following a five-game win streak.

A.J. Minter (2-4) worked the ninth and Luke Jackson earned his 11th save despite giving up a run, two hits and a walk.

MARLINS 6, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jordan Yamamoto won for the third time in three career starts, Garrett Cooper and Brian Anderson hit consecutive homers, and Miami handed Philadelphia its seventh straight loss.

JT Riddle homered, doubled and drove in two for Miami, which swept three games in Philadelphia for the first time since August 2009. The Marlins outhit the Phillies 16-4.

Jean Segura had two RBIs for Philadelphia, which has dropped 16 of 22 games to fall well behind the Braves in the NL East. The Phillies entered Sunday trailing by 5 1/2 games after leading Atlanta by 3 1/2 on May 29. The 23-year-old Yamamoto pitched two-hit ball over five innings, allowing two runs and four walks on 99 pitches. He struck out seven and kept his ERA at 0.95. Nick Anderson gave up a run in the ninth but recorded his first career save.

Enyel De Los Santos (0-1), making his first start this season and third in his career, gave up four runs and sev-

en hits in four innings.

BREWERS 7, REDS 5

CUBS 5, METS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Javier

Hamel. Pedro Strop tossed a perfect ninth for his ninth

on three hits and a walk.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, GIANTS 2, 10 INNINGS

PHOENIX (AP) — Tim Locastro's single with the bases loaded in the 10th inning ended Arizona's season-high six-game losing streak. Locastro line drive to left field scored Nick Ahmed. Giants reliever Mark Melancon (3-2) uncorked a wild pitch to put runners at second and third with one out, and Carson Kelly was intentionally walked to bring up Locastro. Matt Andriese (4-4) pitched a scoreless top of the 10th to earn the win. Christian Walker had three hits for Arizona.

Kevin Pillar homered for the Giants, his 10th of the season, but San Francisco was held to four hits for the game.

DODGERS 6, ROCKIES 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hours after being called up from the minors, Will Smith connected for a pinch-hit, three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to lead Los Angeles.

It was the third straight day a Dodgers rookie hit a walk-off homer — all against the Rockies — the first time that has happened in major league history. Matt Beaty hit a two-run shot in the ninth inning on Friday and Alex Verdugo did it in the 11th on Saturday.

Smith, a 24-year-old catcher playing his seventh game in the big leagues, hit a slider from Scott Oberg (5-1) over the wall in center. Beaty singled to lead off the inning and advanced on a wild pitch, and Russell Martin was intentionally walked with two outs to bring up Beaty.

Kenley Jansen (3-2) pitched one inning. The Dodgers, with the best record in the majors, swept the three-game series and finished a 9-2 homestand. □



Atlanta Braves' Johan Camargo, right, and Ozzie Albies celebrate after Camargo batted Albies in on a two-run home run in the 10th inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Washington.

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Brandon Woodruff struck out a career-high 12, Travis Shaw homered and Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Woodruff (9-2) cruised through the first five innings, allowed Joey Votto's three-run homer in the sixth and struck out two to finish the seventh. Milwaukee improved to 13-1 in the right-hander's 17 starts this season. Alex Claudio got two outs in the eighth and Jeremy Jeffress finished, giving up two runs in the ninth on Yasiel Puig's RBI double and Curt Casali's single.

Anthony DeSclafani (4-4) struck out the first six batters, matching the franchise record set by Robert Stephenson against Pittsburgh on Aug. 25, 2017. But the streak ended when Shaw hit the next pitch 465 feet to the bleachers in right field for his sixth home run.

Baez hit the 100th homer of his career, a three-run drive in the eighth inning as the Cubs overcame another home run by Pete Alonso to beat New York.

Alonso hit his 27th home run, breaking the Mets' record for most by a rookie in an entire season set by Darryl Strawberry in 1983. With the Mets clinging to a one-run lead, Baez launched his 19th homer of the season with Kyle Schwarber and Anthony Rizzo on base and one out.

Baez sent an 0-2 pitch from Seth Lugo (3-1) halfway up the right field bleachers. Mets starter Jacob deGrom allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings. The NL Cy Young Award winner struck out nine and walked none. DeGrom also drove in a run with a single.

save.

PIRATES 11, PADRES 10

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kevin Newman walked with the bases loaded in the 11th inning to cap a four-run rally as Pittsburgh finished a three-game sweep. The Pirates rallied from three-run deficits in the ninth and 11th innings to win their fifth straight. Jacob Stallings hit a pitch-hit, two-run single to tie the game at 10. The Pirates then loaded the bases before Newman's sharp eye ended the four-plus hour affair. Francisco Liriano (2-1) earned the win, while Matt Wisler, who entered the game with one out in the 11th, took the loss. After San Diego led 7-4 following an eighth-inning two-run single from Manny Machado, closer Kirby Yates — who was previously 26 for 26 in save situations — allowed three runs

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Altuve, Alvarez HR as Astros halt Yanks to end 7-game slide

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Altuve hit a leadoff homer, rookie Yordan Alvarez connected again and Houston ended its first seven-game skid in four years.

New York had won eight straight but was stopped by ace Justin Verlander (10-3) and a quartet of homers, including a grand slam from Tyler White.

DJ LeMahieu hit a three-run drive in the fifth, giving New York a home run in a franchise-record 26 consecutive games. The major league mark is 27, set by the 2002 Texas Rangers.

Altuve homered two pitches in, reaching the second deck in left field off J.A. Happ (7-4). White hit his first career slam in the fourth, and Alvarez reached the second deck in right field in the fifth with a two-run drive that knocked out Happ. Yuli Gurriel added a solo shot off Luis Cessa for Houston. Verlander became the third 10-game winner in the AL, allowing three runs and four hits over seven innings. He struck out nine, walked two and completed seven innings for the 11th time this year, the most in the majors.

ANGELS 6, CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols had two hits and exchanged jerseys with former teammate Yadier Molina to conclude an emotional return to St. Louis as the Angels beat the Cardinals.

Pujols was cheered throughout his first series in St. Louis since leaving the club in free agency after the 2011 season. The former Cardinal got standing ovations before each plate appearance throughout the weekend and a curtain call after popping out in his final at-bat. After the game, he and Molina met at home plate, hugged and swapped uniforms.

Tommy La Stella and David Fletcher drove in two runs apiece, and Tyler Skaggs tossed five shutout innings for the Angels. Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak and finished a long road trip with a 6-5 mark. The Cardinals rallied



Houston Astros' Tyler White watches his grand slam during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, June 23, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

for four runs with two outs in the ninth, sparked by Jose Martinez's solo homer. Angels closer Hansel Robles came on to get the final out in a non-save situation. Pujols was 4 for 11 over the three-game set.

Skaggs (7-6) allowed four hits over five scoreless innings.

Miles Mikolas (5-8) gave up one run and seven hits over five innings for St. Louis.

INDIANS 8, TIGERS 3

CLEVELAND (AP) — Bobby Bradley doubled and drove in a run in his first major league plate appearance and Cleveland completed a three-game sweep.

Bradley went 1 for 3 with one run and a walk. The 23-year-old first baseman also made a running over-the-shoulder catch in foul territory, delighting the home fans who eagerly awaited his debut.

The Indians, who have won six straight over the Tigers and are a season-high seven games over .500. Francisco Lindor added an RBI double as Cleveland took a 5-1 lead in the second inning.

Zach Plesac (3-2) matched his longest outing in the majors to earn the victory, allowing one run over seven innings. Carlos Santana hit a solo homer and Jason Kipnis had two hits and two RBIs for the Indians.

Tigers starter Daniel Norris

(2-6) remained winless since May 12 despite striking out a season-best eight. The left-hander surrendered six runs over a season-high seven innings, falling to 0-5 with a 5.48 in eight starts since his last victory.

BLUE JAYS 6, RED SOX 1

BOSTON (AP) — Marcus Stroman pitched six shutout innings, Lourdes Gurriel Jr. had three hits and threw out a runner at the plate, and Toronto won its second straight.

Danny Jansen hit a two-run single and Eric Sogard a solo homer for the Blue Jays. Rowdy Tellez added two hits and scored twice. The Red Sox had won eight of nine after taking the series opener Friday on Christian Vázquez's two-run, walk-off homer.

Stroman (5-9) held the Red Sox to five singles — three coming consecutively in the second inning when Gurriel made his throw from left field — and struck out six while walking one.

Rick Porcello (5-7) gave up five runs on eight hits over six innings.

ROYALS 6, TWINS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hunter Dozier hit a three-run shot during a five-run third inning, Homer Bailey was stingy again pitching into the sixth and Kansas City beat Minnesota.

Alex Gordon had two RBIs and Nicky Lopez also

scoreless ninth for his 10th save, preserving the win for rookie Adrian Sampson (6-4). In winning the final two games of the three-game series, the Rangers have won three of their last four games and either won or split eight straight series.

Sampson allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked one.

Ivan Nova (3-6) gave up three earned runs in six innings. Nova is 0-2 in his last six starts.

RAYS 8, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Travis d'Arnaud drove in three runs and hit a two-run homer, Austin Meadows hit a three-run double, and Tampa Bay earned a split of the four-game series.

Ryan Yarbrough (6-3) followed Rays opener Ryne Stanek to pitch six innings. The lefty allowed one run on five hits and struck out three.

D'Arnaud's fourth homer of the year came in the third to put the Rays ahead then he helped them add on in a five-run fourth with an RBI single that chased A's starter Brett Anderson (7-5). Anderson got through a 1-2-3 first on six pitches then didn't have another easy inning. A double play helped him avoid damage ending the second.

Marcus Semien hit an RBI double for the lone A's earned run on a picture-perfect Bay Area afternoon with a first-pitch temperature of 80 degrees.

MARINERS 13, ORIOLES 3

SEATTLE (AP) — J.P. Crawford had a career-high four hits and drove in four, Yusei Kikuchi had his best outing in a month, and Seattle took advantage of an eight-run third inning.

Crawford lifted his average to exactly .300 in his first season since being acquired from Philadelphia. The promising young shortstop hit his second home run of the season in the first inning, had a pair of singles and drove in two during the third inning, and added a sacrifice fly in the seventh. Since May 22, Crawford has raised his batting average 56 points. □

GPS, special maps and the wild: Tech helps searchers zero in



This April 17, 2017, photo provided by Michael St. John shows search and rescue volunteer and SARTopo creator Matt Jacobs, left, and search and rescue volunteers Mike Russo, center, and Bob Gehlen, right, in Sierraville, California, as they consult a SARTopo map while making plans to search for a missing aircraft.

By AUDREY McAVOY

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Yesenia D'Alessandro loaded a GPS tracking app on her cellphone and trudged into a remote Hawaii forest, joining more than 100 other volunteers looking for a missing hiker.

She climbed through muddy ravines, crossed streams and faced steep drop-offs in the thick tangle of trees and ferns where her college friend Amanda Eller vanished last month.

"You have to search everywhere," said D'Alessandro, who flew in from Maryland.

"You have to go down to that stream bed, even though you don't want to. She could be down there." D'Alessandro and others gathered GPS data of the ground they covered, and organizers put it on a specialized digital map to help better understand where to look next.

The technology led volunteers to Eller, who was found next to a waterfall and survived for 17 days in the Maui forest by eating plants and drinking stream water. Her dramatic rescue shows how emerging technology helps search teams more efficiently scour the

wilderness for missing people.

"It kind of led us to search outside of that high-priority area to where we actually found Amanda," her father, John Eller, said.

More U.S. teams are turning to the technology that combines cellphone GPS with digital maps detailing cliffs, caves, waterways and other hard-to-search terrain. It helps manage the work of large numbers of volunteers.

The system showed when Hawaii searchers had covered a 2-mile (3-kilometer) radius around Eller's car. After that, searchers sent a helicopter farther into the forest, where they spotted the 35-year-old physical therapist and yoga instructor.

"We never would have pushed out if we hadn't searched the reasonable area first. There's no reason to start reaching further and further out of the box if we hadn't completely searched the box," said Chris Berquist, a volunteer search leader.

David Kovar, advocacy director for the nonprofit National Association for Search and Rescue, said most search and rescue

teams use digital maps. That could mean anything from basic Google Maps to specialized software called SARTopo, which California search and rescue experts used to advise Maui volunteers from afar.

Search organizers in Hawaii asked volunteers to download a \$3.99 app called GPS Tracks, which draws lines on a map showing where a user has walked.

GPS data revealed that searchers were covering the same areas repeatedly as heavy foliage or natural barriers like cliffs blocked their path, Berquist said.

Organizers started dropping digital pins on volunteers' maps to give them targets, pushing volunteers to cover more ground and making the search more accurate.

When searchers ran into cliffs or pools of water, Berquist had them place digital pins on their maps. Organizers then sent drone pilots or rappelling experts to the cliffs and divers to the water.

Organizers fed the GPS data to the California team, which used SARTopo to overlay it on topographical maps, allowing everyone to see what areas had

already been searched and what still needed to be checked.

Matt Jacobs, a California software engineer and search volunteer, developed SARTopo more than eight years ago after noticing teams struggling to match details on wilderness maps drawn by different agencies.

What started as a hobby project has grown in popularity in the past couple of years to become Jacobs' full-time job. Search and rescue teams from Oregon to North Carolina have started using it.

Searchers used it in March as 100 volunteers fanned out in a Northern California forest, eventually finding 8-year-old Leia Carrico and her 5-year-old sister, Caroline, who got lost near their home.

Last month, teams used it to help locate a 67-year-old hiker who had veered off a trail in a state park north of San Francisco. A California Highway Patrol airplane using an infrared camera spotted the man.

SARTopo also is becoming available as a cellphone app, which will make it even easier to directly connect the GPS data with dig-

ital maps so searchers can view them wherever they are.

Government officials are looking at adopting new technology, including in Hawaii. Most large searches are done by volunteers because many places don't do enough of them to keep official teams on staff.

Maui firefighters used hand-drawn maps as they looked for Eller over the first three days of her going missing. That's because the trail system in the Makawao Forest Reserve where she got lost doesn't appear on Google Maps. County officials also overlaid aerial searches onto a satellite map.

Yatsushiro said the Maui Fire Department would adopt similar technology used by volunteers — who kept the search going after the first three days — if firefighters found it helpful after studying available options.

Mike St. John, volunteer leader of the search and rescue unit at the Marin County Sheriff's Office in California, said GPS tracking of where people have looked is "really critical."

"It's about using GPS maps and utilizing GPS to make sure you're hitting your assignment," said St. John, who was among those in California advising the Maui team.

St. John said his search and rescue experts are not set up to offer the same type of help to others that they gave to Maui but are trying to figure out how to do that in the future.

Berquist, the Hawaii search leader, visited California this week to talk with St. John about how Marin County's volunteer program works. He aims to set up something similar back in Maui.

After technology helped find Eller, her father is donating software and other equipment to Berquist's team, developing a search and rescue app and giving \$10,000 to support Hawaii searches and rescues.

"We saw a huge need. And we feel so lucky with everything everybody did for us, so we're looking to give back," John Eller said. □

Stocks start the week sideways ahead of trade talks

By DAMIAN J. TROISE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks moved sideways in midday trading Monday on Wall Street after notching their third straight weekly win.

Investors eased into trading ahead of a highly anticipated meeting between the U.S. and China's leaders later this week. The world's two largest economies have been embroiled in a trade war that has taken the market on a volatile roller-coaster ride this year and Wall Street is hoping for a deal.

Technology stocks did most of the heavy lifting and acted as a counterweight for losses in the health care and energy sectors. Microsoft and Apple both made solid gains. Oracle and Broadcom rose 1.4%.

Companies that make consumer products gained momentum throughout the morning. Coca-Cola rose 1.1% and Tyson Foods rose 2.3%. Financial companies also made solid gains. Goldman Sachs rose 1.2% and Allstate rose 1.3%.

Health care stocks led the losers as pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb and its buyout target Cel-



In this June 20, 2019, file photo traders gather at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange as they wait for the Slack Technologies IPO to begin trading.

gene stumbled.

Energy companies were also among the early losers. Concho Resources fell 3.4% and Pioneer Natural Resources fell 2.8%. The sector remains volatile as oil prices sway over concerns about economic growth and rising tensions in the Middle East.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index rose 0.1% as of 11:45 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial

Average rose 53 points, or 0.2%, to 26,770. The Nasdaq composite remained flat.

FOCUSING ON TRADE: Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping plan to meet at the Group of 20 summit in Japan, which starts Friday. Wall Street is once again hoping that the two sides can find a path to making a deal that will end their trade war.

Uncertainty over the dispute and its potential im-

pact on global economic growth sent the broader market on a bumpy ride during the second quarter as the tensions escalated. The S&P 500 reached a record high last week that gave it the final push to recovering all of its losses from May.

The two sides are in a stalemate after 11 rounds of talks that have failed to overcome U.S. concerns over China's acquisition of

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American technology and its massive trade surplus. China denies forcing U.S. companies to hand over trade secrets and says the surplus is much smaller than it appears.

HIGH ROLLER: Caesars surged 14.6% after Eldorado Resorts said it will buy the casino operator for \$17.3 billion in a cash-and-stock deal.

The deal creates a casino giant with about 60 casinos and resorts in 16 states under a single name. Caesars has been struggling since emerging from bankruptcy in 2017. Billionaire investor Carl Icahn took an enormous stake in the company and pushed for big changes. Eldorado fell 10%.

COSTLY TREATMENT: Pharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb fell 7% after it said it would divest a blockbuster drug in order to complete its buyout of Celgene. Celgene fell 5.1%. The company is trying to gain Federal Trade Commission approval for its \$74 billion buyout of Celgene as it tries to beef up its portfolio of drugs. Bristol-Myers said it is willing to divest the psoriasis treatment Otezla as part of a push toward regulatory approval. □

What the SEC's new 'best interest' rule means for you

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

Associated Press

The SEC recently passed new regulations it says will ensure that brokers act in their clients' "best interest." But what does that mean for you?

THE RULE

Brokers and advisers must disclose information about fees, costs and potential conflicts of interest.

THE ISSUE

Consumer advocates have long argued for more rules to protect Americans seeking advice and other help investing their money. They say investors lose billions of dollars a year because of advice from brokers whose financial incentives are at odds with their clients' best interests.

THE PROFESSIONALS

The "best interest" rule, as



In this Nov. 20, 2018, file photo an American flag flies outside New York Stock Exchange.

it is known, changes things more for brokers than advisers.

Brokers sell stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities and other investments, which they may recommend to clients. They often receive commissions for selling spe-

cific products. Currently, they are only required to make suggestions based on what is "suitable" for their client, based on the client's age, goals, risk tolerance and other factors. Under the new rules, brokers cannot put their own

interests ahead of that of their clients. They will also not be allowed to use the term "adviser" as part of their name or title in dealing with retail investors.

Investment advisers, on the other hand, were already required to divulge their potential conflicts of interest and put their clients' interests above their own. The new rules don't prohibit conflicts of interest, they just require that advisers disclose them.

THE CRITICS

Critics, such as AARP and the Consumer Federation of America, say the new rule doesn't go far enough and muddies the waters for consumers with confusing paperwork. Critics also say the rule is not as strong as the fiduciary rule, a proposal that was opposed

by President Donald Trump and defeated in federal court with the help of some in the financial industry.

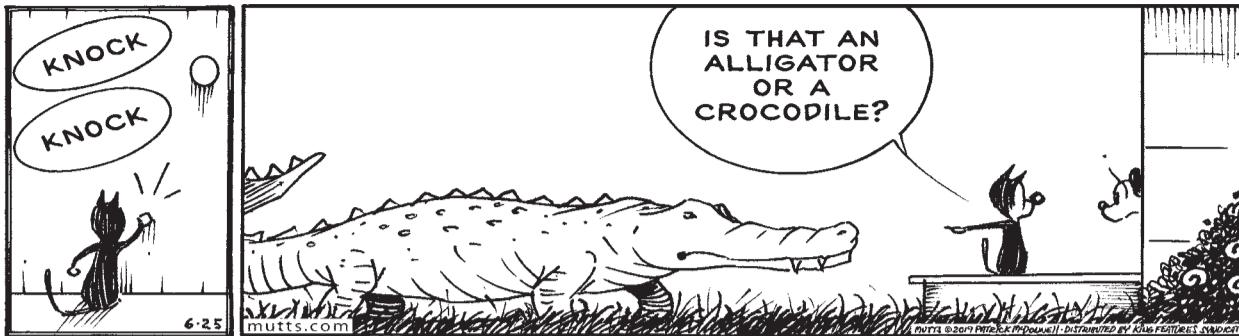
THE TIMING

Firms have until June of 2020 to come into compliance with the rules.

Consumers should become more diligent about reading and understanding the paperwork they are given in the future, said Geoffrey Brown, CEO of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors, which opposes the new regulations.

"There is a lot of confusion," Brown said. Brown suspects there may be more clarification between now and 2020 as experts wade through the lengthy final rules. Some states may also take their own steps to protect consumers, Brown said. □

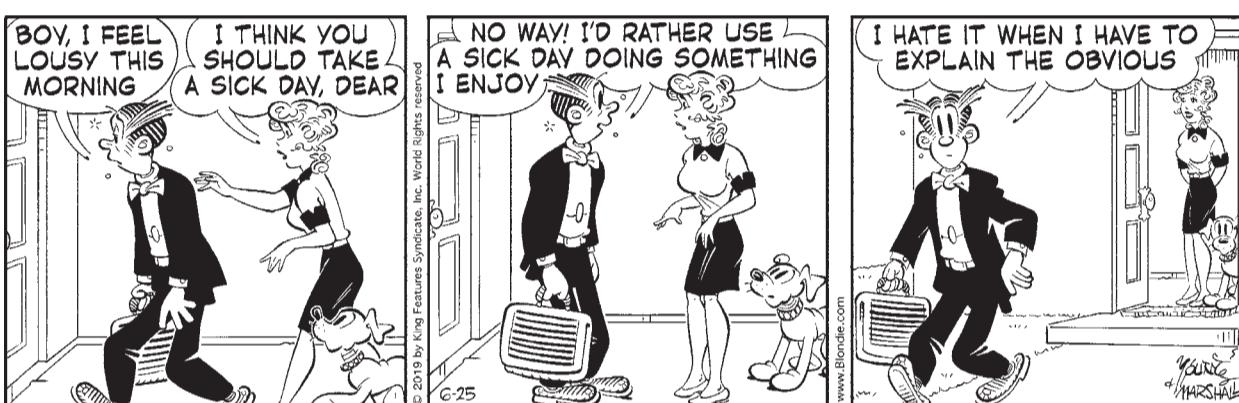
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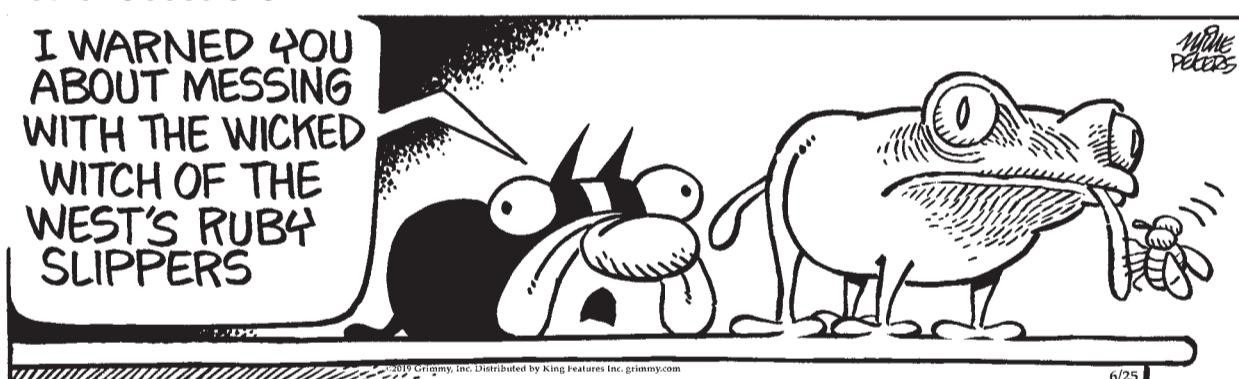
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Environmentalists warn: Balloons provide no joy for wildlife

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Environmental advocates are raising awareness about the dangers of balloons for wildlife in the Great Lakes and elsewhere.

The Detroit Free Press reports volunteers for the Alliance for the Great Lakes picked up more than 18,000 balloons, balloon pieces or balloon strings along Great Lakes shorelines from 2016 to 2018.

Lara O'Brien studies at the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability. She says an Australian study found balloons are the highest-risk plastic debris for seabirds. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist in Virginia says necropsies commonly reveal tangled balloon ribbons in the guts of birds and marine animals. □

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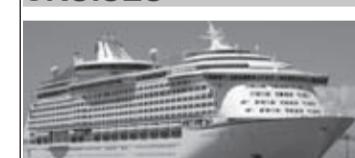
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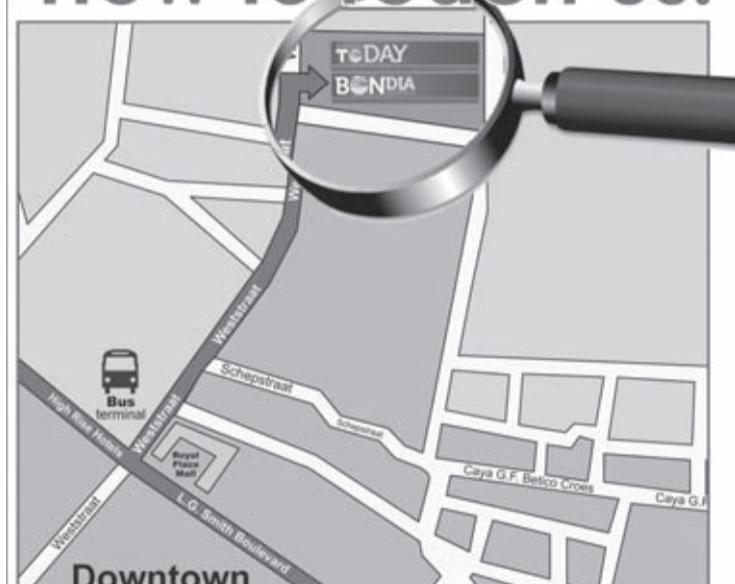
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Hidden oil spill: New study contradicts owner's claims



In this March 31, 2015 aerial photo, the wake of a supply vessel heading towards a working platform crosses over an oil sheen drifting from the site of the former Taylor Energy oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, off the coast of Louisiana.

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By JANET McCONAUGHEY
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A new federally led study of oil seeping from a platform toppled off Louisiana's coast 14½ years ago found releases lower than other recent estimates, but contradicts the well owner's assertions about the amount and source of oil.

Oil and gas have been leaking into the Gulf of Mexico since a subsea mudslide caused by Hurricane Ivan on Sept. 15, 2004, knocked over a Taylor Energy Co. production platform, which dragged and broke a bundle of well pipes. Taylor capped nine wells but said it couldn't cap 16.

The company contends oil sheens on the water's sur-

face indicate there's only a dribble of 2.4 to 4 gallons (9 to 15 liters) of oil and gas a day.

Taylor Energy, which is fighting a federal order to stop the seepage, also says any oil rising from the site is from oil-soaked sediment and any gas is produced by living organisms.

"The results of this study contradict these conclusions," said the report paid for by the federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which oversees offshore drilling, and written by two National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists and one from Florida State University.

Taylor said in an emailed statement that it wants verifiable scientific data about

the leak and a scientifically and environmentally sound solution.

The company has said remaining pipes are buried under so much oily and treacherous silt that stopping any leaks would do more environmental damage than letting them be.

No coastal environmental damage has been reported from the ongoing seepage, unlike the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, an outside scientist said. The BP spill oiled at least 400 square miles (1,000 square kilometers) of sea floor and 1,300 miles (2,000 kilometers) of shoreline from Texas to Florida, killing thousands of birds and contributing to dolphin deaths for years.

The study's authors figure that the total released each day from the Taylor site could have been as much as 4,500 gallons (17,000 liters) a day. They used sonar and a newly developed "bubblerometer" to measure oil and gas bubbles rising through the water. These are based on direct measurements, while previous estimates have relied

on satellite and remote sensing of the sheen of oil resulting from the seep, Chris Taylor, of NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science in Beaufort, North Carolina, said Friday.

The figure is a conservative one, the report said. Andrew Mason of the NOAA centers' office in Silver Spring, Maryland, said, "These are not final definitive government estimates," noting that they will figure in the government's official estimate after additional study.

The researchers said the oil cannot be from sediment because it's only mildly biodegraded. The team's methods look reasonable, said Ed Overton, a professor of environmental studies at Louisiana State University who was not part of the study.

"There are no standard methods for this type of work," because the amounts of oil involved are relatively small, he said. NOAA reported two possible ranges: one using sonar from a boat and an underwater robot; the other us-

ing their bubblerometer — a box with a video camera to get pictures of the bubbles, topped by a funnel to collect the oil and gas.

The sonar showed releases of 378 to 1,974 gallons (1,430 to 7,472 liters) a day; the bubblerometer data indicated 798 to 4,536 gallons (3,020 to 17,170 liters) daily. The extent of the pollution has been an issue since environmentalists investigating the 2010 BP oil spill noticed a persistent sheen outside the heavily oiled area.

A 2015 investigation by The Associated Press revealed evidence that the leak was worse than the company or government had publicly reported.

Afterward, the Coast Guard provided a new leak estimate about 20 times larger than the company's at the time.

The Coast Guard said in mid-May that the recurrent sheen about 11 miles (18 kilometers) from New Orleans had become "barely visible" since a containment system was installed several weeks earlier.

Court papers said the system had captured more than 30,000 gallons (113,000 liters) of oil over 30 days. That works out to a daily amount in the middle of the sonar estimate and at the low end of the bubblerometer estimate, the new report said.

A federal expert's report in Taylor Energy's lawsuit put the figure at 10,500 to 29,400 gallons (39,700 to 111,300 liters) a day. That could be interpreted to mean more oil may have leaked there since 2004 than the estimated 130 million gallons (493 million liters) from the BP gusher in 2010.

But Mason said the new report can't be used to extrapolate the total spilled from the Taylor site.

And Overton of LSU said unlike the Deepwater Horizon, this is a slow, small seep that hasn't oiled wildlife or beaches.

"Whatever the volume ... it doesn't mean it piles up so that you've got a Gulf full of oil," he said. □

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BET Awards honor Mary J. Blige, Nipsey Hussle, Tyler Perry

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

The 2019 BET Awards featured a number of contemporary pop and rap stars who are dominating the charts, from Cardi B to Lil Nas X. But the show belonged to artists viewed as icons in the black community, including singer Mary J. Blige, filmmaker Tyler Perry and the late rapper Nipsey Hussle.

Hussle, a respected and beloved community activist in South Los Angeles who was shot to death on March 31, posthumously earned the Humanitarian Award on Sunday night. His family, including his mother, father, grandmother, children and fiancée, actress Lauren London, accepted the honor on his behalf.

"I just want to thank you guys for all the love and support, and the marathon continues again," London said onstage at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. John Legend, DJ Khaled, YG and Marsha Ambrosius celebrated Hussle, born Ermias Asghedom, with a performance. Hussle also won best male hip-hop artist, besting Drake, J. Cole, Travis Scott, Meek Mill and 21 Savage.

Blige, who earned the Lifetime Achievement Award, ran through her hits during a lengthy performance, which featured Lil Kim and Method Man. The R&B star went from "My Life" to "No



Lifetime achievement award winner Mary J. Blige performs a medley at the BET Awards on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

More Drama" to "Just Fine," when audience members turned the aisles into "Soul Train" lines as they showed their best dance moves while the Queen of Hip-Hop Soul sang onstage. Rihanna presented Blige with the award, who earned a standing ovation as she walked to the stage. "Yeah, I know, a lot of hair," she said in her curly blonde-do. "It's a big day."

"Mommy, I love you and I want to thank you for your love and understanding," Blige said as her mom teared up in the audience. The nine-time Grammy winner and two-time Oscar nominee went on to thank her father, saying she was

happy their "relationship is healed." She also thanked her siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends, including long-time collaborator Diddy. Another standing ovation during the nearly four-hour show came when The Exonerated Five — whose profiles were recently raised with the release of a Netflix series based on their lives — introduced a performance by R&B singer H.E.R. and rapper YBN Cordae. Korey Wise, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana and Antron McCray spoke onstage as audience members got out of their seats to cheer them on. Directed by Ava DuVer-

nay, "When They See Us" tells of the wrongful conviction of five black and Latino teenagers for the 1989 assault on a white female jogger in Central Park. The audience also erupted in cheers for media mogul Tyler Perry, who earned the Ultimate Icon Award, presented to him by Taraji P. Henson. "When I built my studio, I built it in a neighborhood that is one of the poorest black neighborhoods in Atlanta so that young black kids could see that a black man did that, and they could do it too," Perry said. "The studio was once a Confederate army base ... which meant that there were Confederate

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soldiers on that base plotting and planning on how to keep 3.9 million negroes enslaved. Now that land is owned by one negro."

Lil Nas X also got the loud applause from the crowd when he brought his global country-rap hit "Old Town Road" to life with a performance at a makeshift Western saloon alongside country singer Billy Ray Cyrus. In a yellow fringe jacket, yellow chaps and a black cowboy hat, Lil Nas X worked the stage as dancers in denim shorts, leather vests and cowboy hats performed behind him.

Lizzo also had a fiery performance with "Truth Hurts," which featured her playing the flute while twerking.

Cardi B, the most nominated act with seven, kicked off the show with an explosive performance. She won two prizes — best female hip-hop artist and album of the year for her major-label debut, "Invasion of Privacy." "I'm glad I made an album that your sister, your mother, your grandmother (likes)," she said of the project, which also won the Grammy for best rap album earlier this year.

Childish Gambino, who didn't attend the show, won the top prize — video of the year — for "This Is America." Beyoncé was named best female R&B/pop artist, and Bruno Mars won best male R&B/pop artist. □

A vile conspiracy is taken down in novel 'Big Sky'

By BRUCE DESILVA

Associated Press

"Big Sky," by Kate Atkinson (Little Brown)

Former soldier and policeman Jackson Brodie, who last appeared nine years ago in "Started Early, Took My Dog," makes his long-anticipated return in Kate Atkinson's new novel, "Big Sky." Although the book is billed as the fifth installment in the Brodie series, the brooding, modern-day white knight isn't the protagonist of this alternately depressing, inspiring and slyly funny tale. In fact, he blunders into the vile conspiracy at the center of the



This cover image released by Little, Brown and Company shows "Big Sky," a novel by Kate Atkinson.

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story without realizing it and has little to do with taking the bad guys down. As the story opens, Brodie is coping with his shambles of a personal life while working as a private detective on the west coast of England. His cases are mundane, and they clearly bore him. The plot develops slowly at first as Atkinson introduces a cabal of seemingly ordinary professional men whose sideline is luring girls into the sex trade. The men's wives and children are either unaware of where their wealth comes from or don't care to know. The conspiracy has deep

roots. Two decades earlier, police had smashed a sex trade ring and brought its leaders to justice, but there are rumors that others, including members of the British aristocracy, may have been involved. As circumstances breathe new life into the rumors, two young female police officers, including Brodie's old friend Reggie (introduced in 2008's "When Will There Be Good News"), are assigned to reopen the case. The unfolding plot snags a dozen main characters in a web of duplicity, human misery, betrayal and murder that Atkinson skillfully re-

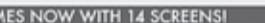
lates from multiple points of view — investigators, criminals, family members and victims alike. The heroes of the yarn are its women. The two young police officers, one of the conspirators' wives, and one of its victims as well, fashion a conclusion that, although not entirely lawful, is justice nonetheless.

As always in a Kate Atkinson book, whether it's the Brodie series or her mainstream novels, the pleasures derive from her mastery as a storyteller, her skillful character development and the beauty of her quirky and poetic prose. □



In this March 8, 2012, file photo, Mexican-American singer and reality TV star Jenni Rivera poses during an interview in Los Angeles.

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Jenni Rivera biopic in the works with her family's support

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The late Mexican-American singer and activist Jenni Rivera always dreamed of a biopic about her turbulent and inspirational life. Now, seven years after her untimely death, that dream is coming true.

A feature film based on Rivera's life is officially in the works from Jenni Rivera Enterprises, Mucho Mas Media and De Line Pictures, who announced the project in a joint statement Tuesday. The untitled film will endeavor to capture the essence of the superstar who was as admired for her soulful voice as she was for her openness about her experiences with abuse, sexual assault and finding success in a male-dominated industry.

“It’s been a long time coming,” her sister Rosie Rivera said in an interview Monday.

Although it's in the early stages and no cast or director has been set, screenwriter Kate Lanier,

Mark Ronson

known for the Tina Turner biopic "What's Love Got To Do With It" and "Set It Off," is working on a script.

Jenni Rivera died in December 2012 at the age of 43 in a plane crash that also killed six others. She left behind five children and two grandchildren.

Known as the "Diva de la Banda," the California-born daughter of Mexican immigrants was at the height of her career when she died. She was one of the most successful female singers in grupero, a male-dominated regional style influenced by the norteño, banda and ranchero styles. She had sold some 15 million records and received multiple Latin Grammy nominations and two Billboard Mexican Music Awards.

Rosie Rivera remembers that people started asking about a biopic days after her sister's death, but that it was too early then for the family and her children. She knew eventually it would become a reality though. She and her sister used to

talk about a movie and silly dream casting scenarios (Jenni wanted Costa Rican actress Maribel Guardia and Rosie picked Charlize Theron). But beyond glamour casting, Jenni Rivera knew that her story on film might help other women. Rosie Rivera said she remembers her sister crying one day about the "love of her life" whose drug issues made it impossible for them to be together. "She was crying like a normal girl and then a few minutes later wipes the tears from her face and says, 'I know why, I know why: It's because I can help other women who have drug addict husbands or lovers and my story will help them,'" Rosie Rivera recalled. "I loved her strength. No matter what she was going through, she always found a lesson in it." The film will likely be primarily in English with some Spanish, since that's the language they spoke with their father. It also will feature some unreleased Jenni Rivera music, Rosie Rivera said. □

Mark Ronson's 'Late Night Feelings' hurts so good

By MELANIE J. SIMS
Associated Press

Mark Ronson, "Late Night Feelings" (RCA)

British producer Mark Ronson's fifth studio album "Late Night Feelings" is pretty perfect — a cool 13-track compilation uniquely suited for lone-some-hearted cruising — and somber grooving — in the after-hours.

In case anybody asks: yes, a song can be simultaneously sad and dancey. Ronson proves it with the album's title track, in which he expertly switches from steel drums to disco vibes beneath vocals from co-writer Lykke Li. Super-producer Ronson has a track record of mixing genres, blending time periods and employing unexpected sounds.

He's scored monster hits with Bruno Mars ("Uptown



In this Feb. 24, 2019 file photo, Mark Ronson arrives at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Funk"), Amy Winehouse ("Rehab") and Lady Gaga (they won an Oscar for "Shallow"). And "Late Night Feelings" continues Ronson's trend of great songs — Miley Cyrus channels Dolly Parton on "Nothing

Breaks Like a Heart," and the result is fantastic. Grammy-winning singer Yebba sends her voice to noteworthy highs and lows on the thumping "Don't Leave Me Lonely," one of three songs to feature the budding singer. She's jazzy on "When U Went Away," but the real standout is the uber-funky "Knock Knock Knock" — a minute-and-a-half-long track that one only wishes was longer. Li, best known for the international hit "I Follow Rivers," is back for round two on "2 AM," her tender vocals laid out over equally sweet production. And then there's the earnest, outerspace-y "Spinning," featuring Ilsey. "When I'm spinning, you bring me back to Earth and you fix it/When nothing's making sense and I'm dizzy, you're the only one that I want," she sings. □

Longtime Kenzo designers stage final show in Paris

By THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — It was quite literally the final curtain for Kenzo's Carol Lim and Humberto Leon at Paris Fashion Week on Sunday, after the duo's eight successful years at the creative helm of the house came to a close.

With a 100-meter (110-yard) curtain on set, a surprise performance by singer Solange and thousands of guests in attendance, the duo's departure was a farewell to remember.

Here are some highlights from the final day of spring-summer 2020 men's and co-ed collections from the Kenzo show and others by Lanvin and Paul Smith.

A MONUMENTAL KENZO SHOW

For their final show, Leon and Lim went back to the homeland of house founder Kenzo Takada: Japan and its legendary seas.

More specifically, they paid homage to the Ama, a dying community of aging Japanese females who free dive into their late 70s. "For over 2000 years (they) have dived to the ocean floor to forage for seafood such as shrimp, urchins or even pearls... They have become known as the last mermaids," Leon said.

An accessorized neoprene suit began the show, heralding the aquatic-theme with ankle bracelets in



A model wears a creation for the Kenzo mens Spring-Summer 2020 fashion collection presented in Paris, Sunday, June 23 2019.

pearly coral clusters.

Men's bags were fashioned in wide netting.

A loose-fitting blue suit had a wrinkled look and white markings that suggested it had been dried on the sand and bleached in the sun. It was a beautiful piece.

In the co-ed show, the female models sported floor-length hairpieces while wearing anything from swimsuit hybrids and Japanese Okobo sandals in sea-lily print, to a silver dress that had segmented pieces around the bust to resemble shells.

Typical of Leon and Lim, the mermaid look was

capped contradictorily by blue jeans and sneakers.

Still, it felt as if many of the exhaustive 74 designs had been seen before.

KENZO DESIGNERS' FINAL CURTAIN

A large seascape-covered curtain served as a powerful element in the show.

The monumental installation by photographer Yamazaki Hiroshi charted the sun's course over the ocean using a long exposure lens.

The visual metaphor for the passing of time had guests spellbound and called attention to the end of an era for the duo of American

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designers who've made a deep mark on the Paris fashion industry.

Loud bass music reverberated around the warehouse venue before the curtain was sucked up into the roof in a split second, as if by magic. The audience gasped.

The surreal air defined the entire presentation, as dancers moved by bending forward and back on Japanese "geta" clogs.

Solange, wearing alien-like beaded jewelry, appeared out of the darkness while conducting a brass band. She then sang "a capella" on the catwalk to raucous whoops.

LANVIN IS NAUTICAL BUT NICE

Inside a lofty indoor swimming pool, Bruno Sialelli unveiled his highly-anticipated sophomore collection for Lanvin.

Given that the former Loewe staffer is the storied house's fourth designer in four years, there are lots of hopes pinned on him to rescue the world's oldest continually running couture maison from the creative wilderness.

Channeling styles that might be described as "sailor punk," Sialelli did just that — rising to the challenge with a show that overflowed with clever ideas.

Rich color — which seems to be Sialelli's touchstone thus far — was used with panache in a carefully stage-managed set that featured men's and women's designs. The pale blue swimming pool doors and multicolor wall mosaics were visible in the background. A saffron hoodie accompanied a pair of baggy indigo waterproof pants. A duffel coat was fashioned in Air Force blue. And a white sailor's collar looked like a large, almost diagonal lapel in the Asian style.

Elsewhere, the collection was just plain fun, with a boat print on what resembled a silvery loose pajama. □

Flying Wallendas safely cross Times Square on high wire

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two siblings from the famed Flying Wallendas safely crossed Times Square on a high wire strung between two skyscrapers 25 stories above the pavement.

Nik Wallenda is a seventh-generation acrobat, but this time, he said he was nervous. His sister, Lijana Wallenda, joined him Sunday night for the first time since her near-fatal accident in 2017, when she broke nearly every bone in her face. The siblings walked from opposite ends of the 1,300-foot wire (396-meter) suspend-



Aerialist Lijana Wallenda walks on a high wire above Times Square, Sunday, June 23, 2019, in New York.

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ed between the towers, crossing each other in the middle, where Lijana Wal-

to the opposite side. Their latest daredevil stunt was streamed live on ABC and watched by thousands of spectators from below. The two were wearing tethered safety harnesses required by the city in case they fell. The Wallenda family has been a star tightrope-walking troupe for generations, tracing their roots to 1780 in Austria-Hungary, when their ancestors traveled as a band of acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, animal trainers, and trapeze artists. They never use nets in live shows or in rehearsals.

In 1978, 73-year-old Karl Wallenda fell to his death

from a high wire strung between two buildings in Puerto Rico. In 1962, Karl Wallenda's nephew and son-in-law died, and his son was paralyzed, after a seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance. Lijana Wallenda's fall happened during an attempt to break a Guinness world record with an eight-person pyramid.

Nik Wallenda's high-wire walks above Niagara Falls, the Chicago skyline, and the Little Colorado River Gorge near Grand Canyon National Park were broadcast on national television. □

From penny press to Snapchat: Parents fret through the ages

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Stephen Dennis was raising his two sons in the 1980s, he never heard the phrase "screen time," nor did he worry much about the hours his kids spent with technology. When he bought an Apple II Plus computer, he considered it an investment in their future and encouraged them to use it as much as possible. Boy, have things changed with his grandkids and their phones and their Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter.

"It almost seems like an addiction," said Dennis, a retired homebuilder who lives in Bellevue, Washington.

"In the old days you had a computer and you had a TV and you had a phone but none of them were linked to the outside world but the phone. You didn't have this omnipresence of technology."

Today's grandparents may have fond memories of the "good old days," but history tells us that adults have worried about their kids' fascination with new-fangled entertainment and technology since the days of dime novels, radio, the first comic books and rock n' roll.

"This whole idea that we even worry about what kids are doing is pretty much a 20th century thing," said Katie Foss, a media studies professor at Middle Tennessee State University. But when it comes to screen time, she added, "all we are doing is reinventing the same concern we were having back in the '50s."



In this Oct. 5, 1980, file photo, Nancy Armstrong, teacher at Marshall elementary school in Harrisburg, Pa., assists her students in the use of computers to aid them in their studies.

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In this Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, photo, Kathy and Steve Dennis pull off the cover of their 1980's-era Apple II+ computer bought for their then young sons in Bellevue, Wash.

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True, the anxieties these days seem particularly acute—as, of course, they always have. Smartphones have a highly customized, 24/7 presence in our lives that feeds parental fears of antisocial behavior and stranger danger.

What hasn't changed, though, is a general parental dread of what their kids are doing out of sight. In previous generations, this often meant kids wandering around on their own or sneaking out at night to drink. These days, it might mean hiding in their bedroom, chatting with strangers online.

Less than a century ago, the radio sparked similar fears.

"The radio seems to find parents more helpless than did the funnies, the automobile, the movies and other earlier invaders of the home, because it can

not be locked out or the children locked in," Sidonie Matsner Gruenberg, director of the Child Study Association of America, told The Washington Post in 1931. She added that the biggest worry radio gave parents was how it interfered with other interests—conversation, music practice, group games and reading. In the early 1930s a group of mothers from Scarsdale, Arizona, pushed radio broadcasters to change programs they thought were too "overstimulating, frightening and emotionally overwhelming" for kids, said Margaret Cassidy, a media researcher at Adelphi University in New York who authored a history of American kids and media. Called the Scarsdale Moms, their activism led the National Association of Broadcasters to come up with a code of ethics around

children's programming in which they pledged not to portray criminals as heroes and to refrain from glorifying greed, selfishness and disrespect for authority. Then television burst into the public consciousness with unrivaled speed. By 1955, more than half of all U.S. homes had a black and white set, according to Mitchell Stephens, a media historian at New York University.

The hand-wringing started almost as quickly. A 1961 Stanford University study on 6,000 children, 2,000 parents and 100 teachers found that more than half of the kids studied watched "adult" programs such as Westerns, crime shows and shows that featured "emotional problems." Researchers were aghast at the TV violence present even in children's programming. By the end of that decade,



In this July 21, 1987, file photo, Carlos Tunnerman, 10, plays the "Contra" video game at an arcade in a Miami, Fla.

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Congress had authorized \$1 million (about \$7 million today) to study the effects of TV violence, prompting "literally thousands of projects" in subsequent years, Cassidy said.

That eventually led the American Academy of Pediatrics to adopt, in 1984, its first recommendation that parents limit their kids' exposure to technology. The medical association argued that television sent unrealistic messages around drugs and alcohol, could lead to obesity and might fuel violence. Fifteen years later, in 1999, it issued its now-infamous edict that kids under 2 should not watch any television at all.

The spark for that decision was the British kids' show "Teletubbies," which featured cavorting humanoids with TVs embedded in their abdomens. But the odd TV-within-the-TV-beings conceit of the show wasn't the problem—it was the "gibberish" the Teletubbies directed at preverbal kids whom doctors thought should be learning to speak from their parents, said Donald Shifrin, a University of Washington pediatrician and former chair of the AAP committee that pushed for the recommendation.

Video games presented a different challenge. Decades of study have failed to validate the most prevalent fear, that violent games encourage violent behavior. But from the moment the games emerged as a cultural force in the early 1980s, parents fretted about the way kids could lose themselves in games as simple and repetitive as "Pac-Man," "Asteroids" and "Space Invaders."

Some cities sought to restrict the spread of arcades; Mesquite, Texas, for instance, insisted that the under-17 set required parental supervision. Many parents imagined the arcades where many teenagers played video games "as dens of vice, of illicit trade in drugs and sex," Michael Z. Newman, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee media historian, wrote recently in *Smithsonian*. □